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Dear Cal State LA International Scholar:

Thank you for your patience and understanding regarding this late communication about the COVID-19 Coronavirus. I would like to take this opportunity to reassure all international scholars of our support, and to provide an update regarding the steps we are taking in the International Programs and Global Engagement (IPGE) office to help protect your health and safety, which is always our top priority.

Please read the following points:

- **Campus Plan:** Although there are no known cases of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) in our University community at this time, we have implemented several other preventive measures per the guidance of our local public health officials, CDC, and WHO. Please keep monitoring the updates on the [Cal State LA COVID-19 website](#). The website provides information on steps you can take to reduce the spread of infection.
- **Home University Request:** Please notify us if your home university is requesting that you return.
- **Remote Coursework:** On March 10, our University administration announced that we will be temporarily suspending face-to-face, in-person classroom instruction as a preventive measure, based on the guidance of our local public health officials. Please know that you are able to continue this semester's courses remotely without jeopardizing your immigration status.
- **Travel - J-1 Visa Holders:** We strongly advise international scholars to avoid traveling outside the U.S. While we cannot control where you may go, we remind you to take the necessary precautions for your own health and safety. If you do choose to travel internationally, there is risk that you won't be permitted to re-enter the U.S.

Please feel free to contact the IPGE office at (323) 343-3170 or email jsolis@calstatela.edu. **In addition, our staff will be available this weekend (March 14-15) to address your concerns.** We are here for you during this unprecedented time. Please stay healthy.

Sincerely,

Dr. Jimmy Solis
Director, International Programs and Global Engagement

