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Welcome to the new [OGPS](#) newsletter!

We plan to publish this newsletter once a month and include news from around campus and the world that is relevant to graduate students and postdoctoral fellows, upcoming events and deadlines, funding opportunities, highlights of the work our students and fellows are doing, and more! This issue in particular highlights some of the myriad resources available to you as you engage the challenges presented by CoVid-19.

This first issue is coming to you at an unusual time in our history, when we have had to distance ourselves physically while trying to maintain our ties to each other and our research. OGPS and the entire Tulane administration is continuing to work remotely and provide the services you need to be successful in your studies. We know your needs are varied and we might not anticipate all of them, so please feel free to reach out to us if there is anything you need help with. Our main email account is ogps@tulane.edu, and many resources can also be found on our [website](#).

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NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS



Financing Charge for Installment Payments is Eliminated

Going forward, the \$30 financing charge associated with paying any Tulane fees in installments will not be assessed. We thank everyone who wrote in about this fee and would like to thank Provost Robin Forman, Dr. Scott Tims, Assistant Vice President for Campus Health, and Professor Michael Cunningham for their work coordinating with the different offices involved in setting financing charges.

Career Resources

- Check out the brand new [Career Resources pages](#) on the OGPS site! In particular, we would like to call your attention to the huge library of free online resources selected specifically for Tulane grad students and postdocs. It can be accessed [here](#).
- Briana Mohan continues to conduct 45-minute confidential, individual consultations to Tulane postdocs, PhD students, and research-based masters students. The appointment calendar can be accessed [here](#) and meetings will be conducted by zoom.
- Many institutions are making programming and resources available to the public at this time. For biomedical scholars, check out the [iJobs](#) resources offered through Rutgers. MIT has an "[Overcoming Uncertainty](#)" series on YouTube, co-hosted by Jake Livengood from their Grad Student Career Services office.
- "[Carpe Careers](#)" in Inside Higher Ed is a weekly career advice column for grad students and postdocs.

Unemployment Benefits Eligibility

The state of Louisiana has implemented new measures concerning the special circumstance of COVID-19 as it relates to unemployment insurance. If your hours have been reduced due to COVID-19 or you are unable to work remotely due to the nature of your position, you may be eligible for unemployment insurance. Please note these considerations do not apply to student employees who are working remotely or working on premise and continue to be paid.

Please review the website below for the special circumstance of COVID-19 for which you may apply for unemployment insurance.

The link to Louisiana Workforce Commission (LWC) response is www.laworks.net/PublicRelations/COVID_19_Information.asp.

In order to file a claim, please visit www.louisianaworks.net/hire or by calling the LWC Claim Center at 866-783-5567.

TULAP Resources

Tulane Legal Assistance Program, or TULAP, offers free legal advice and low-cost representation to Tulane community members in the areas of civil, criminal, and immigration law, including landlord-tenant disputes. For more information, visit their [website](#).

Hiring freeze's impact on postdoc and grad student positions

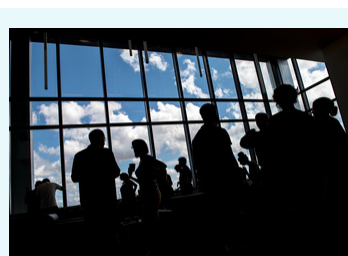
Teaching and research are mission critical elements of Tulane University. If research can be done within the guidelines of the university, graduate RAs can be hired to work on research projects. With many of our labs working on research directly applicable to the current situation, their work may be even more important than normal. This advice applies to postdoctoral fellows as well. As is standard procedure, all positions must be approved by the dean of the relevant school.

OPPORTUNITIES

Graduate Assistantship with the Office of Study Abroad

The Office of Study Abroad is hiring a graduate assistant for the 2020-2021 Academic Year. For more details, please click [here](#).

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Commencement 2020

All in-person ceremonies have been cancelled and will be rescheduled. Please check the [Tulane CoVid FAQs](#) for more information.

Know Your Rights during CoVid-19 - Wed, May 13, 2:30 pm

Join attorneys Greg Nichols and Helen Hartnett for a presentation on knowing your rights during CoVid-19. Register [here](#).

Final CAPS group meeting for grad and prof students - Thurs, May 14, noon

Join CAPS therapists Dr. Matthew Sobesky, Benjamin Ng, LPC, and Shawna Foose, LPC-S, for the last meeting in a 4-part series to discuss the challenges faced by graduate and professional students during this unprecedented time. Thursday, May 14, at 12:00 p.m. Live Zoom link: <https://tulane.zoom.us/j/93593180573>. Find recorded episodes here: <https://campushealth.tulane.edu/node/9042>

The Postdoc Academy offers free 6-week course starting June 22

[The Postdoc Academy](#) is a digital and in-person professional development program designed specifically for postdocs, and is now open for registration! The free online course, titled "Succeeding as a Postdoc", will begin on June 22nd. This 6-week course will help postdocs create a rewarding experience that launches them into their chosen career path. Register for the online course [here](#).

Ready Prep Teach

This year, this workshop with CELT will be conducted online later in the summer. Please register by July 24 [here](#).

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