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### **Framework for CUNY Phasing in of On-Site Research (Follow Up from CUNY)**

Following the message on this in our last Research Updates, CUNY now has the following update today, which indicates that New York State now moved Higher Education Research into the first phase (rather than the expected second phase) of the region's reopening. Details are in the message, which we added to this document: [Framework for CUNY Phasing in of On-Site Research](#)

In addition, the New York State guidance for reopening research in higher education is here: [HigherEdResearch\\_ShortGuidelines NYS.pdf](#)

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### **Supplemental Funding for Virtual REU**

This is a message from Dr. John Tsapogas of CUNY Research Foundation for those interested in a virtual REU with their existing NSF grants.

The pandemic has created huge problems for existing NSF grants especially for those providing research experiences for undergraduate students. There are a large number of active NSF grants across CUNY with research experiences for undergraduates. Many of these experiences occur in the summertime. I am concerned that these summer internships will not occur due to the COVID-19 global pandemic. These internships are important steps in students' careers, particularly in the STEM fields, and the loss of internship opportunities will significantly impact their career trajectories. The COVID-19 pandemic has also impacted students by abruptly moving them to online learning. Faculty and students have expressed concerns regarding the loss of summer internships. They are critical steps in their academic preparation and source of income. We would like to find a way to maximize the number of experiential learning opportunities for STEM students this summer.

I have been working with faculty at CCNY to do this but we all recognize that this is a concern for students across CUNY. We should be thinking of assessing the implementation of summer training and/or research programs that could host remote summer internships. We believe that NSF will be receptive to this. However, a supplemental funding request can only be made if the PI thinks it is required for their project and each individual PI submits a request to their respective NSF program officer for approval. I have prepared and attached a short write-up that can be used as a template by the PI to prepare a preliminary request for a supplement to their

existing grant asking the NSF Program Officer whether they will entertain a supplement to fund virtual REUs. We should check and see whether they are willing to provide this type of support before the PIs go through the effort of preparing a formal request. Please let me know if I am duplicating efforts already underway. I want to be helpful to prevent a potential loss of these valuable research experiences to students across CUNY.

The template is available at:

<https://www.rfcuny.org/RFWebsite/media/2543/guidance-on-requesting-supplemental-funding-for-virtual-reu.pdf>

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### **Updates from the Office of Regulatory Compliance**

The Queens College Office of Regulatory Compliance has recently updated its webpage to include new and current information, guidance, and links related to all areas of research compliance. This includes human subjects research, animal research, conflict of interest, export control, biosafety, responsible conduct of research and research-related agreements.

You can visit the site here:

<https://www.qc.cuny.edu/about/administration/Provost/ORC/Pages/default.aspx?/>