Subject: [research-students] Covid-19 Student Financial Support announcement

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Dear research students and supervisors,

Please see the message below, which I am forwarding from Sarah McAllister, Head of Student Support Operations.

The University is pleased to announce financial support for students who are experiencing financial difficulties as a result of Covid-19. This represents hardship funding we receive from the government and university funds. The financial support can be used to cover any exceptional costs students may have incurred in relation to accommodation, subsistence, and travel.

We have streamlined our current discretionary form to ensure a swift review and response can be provided to students. We have also created bands of financial support so we can spread the funds as far as possible while offering a quick source of support. The financial support is available to matriculated UG, PGT, PGR students across fee statuses. Exceptionally, we will make these funds available to those who graduate this summer and as so you may apply at any time between now and 31st of July 2020.

Students will be able to access the form and detailed [https://www.ed.ac.uk/student-funding/financial-support/additional-financial-assistance/covid-19](https://www.ed.ac.uk/student-funding/financial-support/additional-financial-assistance/covid-19). All forms and inquiries should be submitted to studentfunding@ed.ac.uk. As the new process starts we will post processing times. To manage the volume the Scholarship and Student Funding Team will be supported by colleagues from Student Systems and Administration.

Students can also contact the EUSA Advice Place. [https://www.eusa.ed.ac.uk/support_and_advice/the_advice_place/](https://www.eusa.ed.ac.uk/support_and_advice/the_advice_place/)

With best wishes,

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