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To: igs-supervisors@inf.ed.ac.uk

Subject: Forwarded message for supervisors and students

Dear PGR Supervisor,

The attached email is being sent to all research students to update them on the support that we will be providing. Your role as supervisor will, as ever, be key in providing detailed advice. As before the general thrust is that students will largely want to continue but some will not be able to and in some cases there may be issues with the supervision arrangements because you or the other supervisors are unable to provide support. Students in different phases of their study will have different needs. This is outlined in the email.

The email outlines financial help available to the students:

- We will waive matriculation and continuation fees
- We will be happy to grant interruptions and/or extensions as appropriate
- We are working with funders to ensure that the extensions will be funded but we cannot say yet how this will work in practice as negotiations are still underway
- For students being paid a stipend, the stipend will continue for the duration of the university closure even if the student is on interruption
- For self-funded students, there will be a hardship fund available to help tide them over. The details of this will be made available in due course on the Covid-19 FAQs page

Updates will be posted on the University Covid-19 webpage for students:

<https://www.ed.ac.uk/news/covid-19/current-students>

Please encourage your students to read those pages and please do, wherever possible, encourage your students to stay in touch with you through this difficult time.

Yours,

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On behalf of the Doctoral College