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## Graduate Division

Dear Deans, Department Chairs and Vice Chairs, Chief Administrative Officers, Management Services Officers and Student Affairs Officers:

In response to questions the Graduate Division has been receiving with regard to COVID-19 related student issues, especially concerns related to international students, we will be hosting a town hall for faculty and staff on September 14, 2020 from 1-3 pm to present the information available to us at this time. The session will not be recorded, although we are happy to work with individual departments to address questions remaining after the townhall. The topics for the townhall will include:

- Student and Exchange Visitor Program (SEVP-ICE) guidance for continuing and new students
- Approval process for in-person/hybrid courses
- UC advocacy efforts
- ASE and GSR appointments
- Processing of fellowships for international students
- NRST
- Deferred matriculation
- Students from comprehensively-sanctioned OFAC countries
- Leave of absence
- Filing fee
- Time to degree
- Doctoral Travel Grant extensions
- COVID-related resources for students

To respond to as many questions as possible, we are soliciting questions in advance of the town hall. Please submit admissions-related questions to [onlineapphelp@grad.ucla.edu](mailto:onlineapphelp@grad.ucla.edu). Questions related to academic services should be sent to [academicservices@grad.ucla.edu](mailto:academicservices@grad.ucla.edu) and questions related to fellowships and financial services should be sent to [gdsupport@grad.ucla.edu](mailto:gdsupport@grad.ucla.edu).

**Please [RSVP here](#) by September 8, 2020.** We have a limited webinar capacity so only the first 500 people to respond can be accommodated. We look forward to seeing you.

With best regards,

**Susan Ettner, Ph.D.**

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