

Tuesday, May 5, 2020

TO: Campus Research Community

FR: Joseph Incandela, Vice Chancellor, Research

RE: **Research Town Hall – Current State of the Research Shut Down and Planning for Next Steps**

SUBJECT: Town Halls—Successful research in a time of COVID-19

The COVID-19 emergency has significantly impacted our community. In order to share up-to-date information and to hear directly from you, we will be hosting a virtual Research Town Hall on Tuesday, May 12, 2020 at 2pm. This event is part of the Office of Research's ongoing efforts to disseminate information that may help researchers manage the impacts of public health orders that have limited, and are likely to continue to limit, UC Santa Barbara research activity to varying degrees over the next year or so. We will also discuss how to safely ramp up research in stages as conditions allow. Please see the latest information about funding agency programs on the Office of Research's [COVID-19 information page](#) and our most recent campus memo "[On Campus Research: Status and Plans](#)."

### **RESEARCH TOWN HALL**

You can find more information about, register for, and submit questions in advance for the virtual research town hall at <https://www.research.ucsb.edu/research-town-hall>. The town hall will consist of several short presentations followed by Q&A and representatives from many areas within the Office of Research will be on hand to answer questions.

An evolving agenda can be found on the research town hall website. We will focus the discussion on the following issues:

- Researchers' obligations under the current shelter-in-place orders
- Best practices for use of current grants; review of agency guidance about extensions and reporting; strategies, resources, and opportunities for maintaining group engagement and momentum
- Advocacy efforts on behalf of the UC research community
- Keeping our research community safe—a shared responsibility
- The safe ramp up of research when allowed

We are all working to help UC Santa Barbara meet the challenges currently facing our research community. I have seen tremendous displays of ingenuity and commitment across our campus. Some researchers have refocused their efforts and redirected their expertise in response to the pandemic, while many others have found new ways to make progress without direct access to their on-campus research facilities. All Office of Research operations are being conducted remotely, but we are at full strength. Our dedicated staff are here to support you in this unprecedented time in history.

Thank you for your continued commitment to outstanding and innovative research and scholarly activity. I look forward to our conversation on Tuesday, May 12.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Incandela". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and a long, sweeping underline.

Joseph Incandela  
Vice Chancellor for Research