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Academic Insight

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A Message from Vice Provost Phil Kass



The Office of Academic Affairs is pleased to provide you with new information from the UC Office of the President about COVID-19 leaves and job protections. We realize that you have been receiving many communication updates about the various leave programs that exist, but this [new document provides an important summary of the three COVID-19 related paid leave provisions](#) potentially available to academic appointees. It also provides eight pages of FAQs related to job protection and paid leaves.


Our academic community has done an astonishing job of maintaining our essential functions, especially in continuing to provide a superb quality UC education to our students, and providing informed leadership to our state and federal governments on how to responsibly respond to the pandemic. The roles we play now will have a lasting impact on our students, ourselves, and our society, and for that we should be collectively proud to be members of the UC Davis community.

Please stay safe and well,

Phil

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Family First Corona Virus Response Act



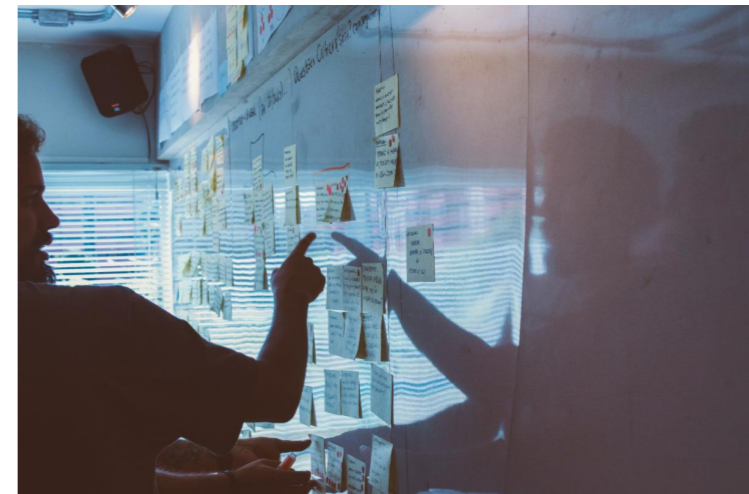
As of **April 1, 2020**, the University of California will provide job-protected paid leave for specific COVID-19 related reasons. A [letter from UCOP's Acting Vice President Lloyd and Vice Provost Carlson](#) with an [attached summary of obligations under FFCRA](#) explains this further.

UCOP has consolidated all their updates regarding COVID-19 in [this important document](#) issued April 13, 2020.

[Guidance Regarding COVID-19 Related Leaves and Job Protections](#)

Update on Academic Personnel Issues

Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost Hexter and Vice Provost Kass collaborated on a message sent to the Academic Senate on March 27th regarding academic personnel issues. [This message](#) offers current guidance regarding:



1. Paid administrative leave
2. Sabbatical leaves in Spring 2020
3. Faculty searches in Spring 2020
4. Advancement (merit, promotion) actions in 2019-2020
5. Instructional evaluations in Winter and Spring 2020
6. Research/creative activity/scholarship productivity
7. Extension of the promotion "clock."

Work Life Support

Faculty Advisors

Your dedicated Faculty Advisors for Work Life want to ensure you are supported during this public health crisis. They quickly collaborated to provide their advice for [Managing Instruction and Family Needs](#).



Parent Support Group



Juggling teaching in the middle of a public health crisis and being a parent? **You're not alone.** Take just a few minutes to participate in our [Parent Support Groups](#). Sessions will be held virtually all through spring quarter.

Awards News

New Guggenheim Fellow!



Congratulations to [Heggmar Zeitlian Watenpaugh](#), Professor of Art History, who was named a 2020 [John Simon Guggenheim Memorial](#) Fellow! Prof. Watenpaugh specializes in Middle East cultural heritage and museum studies.

AAAS Nomination Deadline Extended

AAAS 2020 Fellows call for nominations . AAAS has extended the **deadline to May 8, 11:59PM ET (9PM PST)**. For process questions or help with nominations, please contact Gloria Hayes, Director, National and International Faculty Awards, **ghayes@ucdavis.edu** , or (530) 219-0792.

UCRAYS: Now a Digital Process

Prior to COVID-19, retirement initiation packets were submitted by "snail mail" to the UC Retirement Administration Service Center. As mentioned **in Dateline**, this process is no longer possible due to the center's personnel working from home. Rather, it has gone digital through **UCRAYS**.

If you recently applied for retirement, please check in with the UC Davis Retiree Center at 530-754-7105 or **retireecenter@ucdavis.edu**.

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