

Research Town Hall – 4/8/2020

General:

- Can we record the webinar / Post to website – Douglas T. Mast (CEAS)
 - https://uc.mediaspace.kaltura.com/media/Research+Continuity+Town+Hall+-+April+8%2C+2020/1_x6rbhm5v
- When will the problems with journal access be fixed with VPN?
 - UC Libraries has been working very hard to get everyone access to the many many journals we have. I would refer to this page for more information - <https://libraries.uc.edu/off-campus-access.html>

Data:

- Is there a central source for COVID-19 Data?
 - For specific healthcare data for UHealth, please go to [CHI/Brett Harnett](#). [Exaptive](#), in collaboration with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, has created the [COVID-19 Cognitive City](#). It's a data-centric social network to stop the spread of COVID-19 and accelerate development of a vaccine. Exaptive requires you to create a login but then can access a growing repository of data, analyses, tools, articles, and people related to stopping COVID-19. You will also be able to add your own knowledge assets, link them to others, and request resources that you need in order to make your most effective contribution.
 - **We are happy to provide a repository with URLs if people want to share resources as they become aware.** Please email any resources to research@uc.edu with a brief description and of any gatekeeping factors you are aware of (E.g. requires VPN or is a paid service).
- In regards to networking, is there a mechanism to connect researchers thinking about COVID research. particularly do we have researchers with BSL3 access or psuedotype viral vector experience that are willing to collaborate?
 - For BSL3 access contact Gary Dean in CoM

Funding:

- Is there any guidance for COVID-19 funding?
 - [SPIN](#) has a dedicated section for COVID-19 funding. You need to [create a SPIN account](#) if you do not already have one. SPIN does not require you to be on the VPN to access the website. Please see the [SPIN Quick Start](#) and the [User Guide](#)

for more information and contact Sarah Clift (Sarah.Clift@uc.edu) if you need additional assistance.

- To be on spin.infoedglobal.com while on a UC network." means on the VPN right?
 - You should not have to be logged in the VPN to access SPIN. You can log-in / create an account with your UC 6+2. If you have any problems please feel free to reach out to Sarah.Clift@uc.edu

- **Are undergraduate students or high school students allowed to do research?**
 - Undergraduate and high school students may not engage in research that involves **in person interactions or university facilities during the stay at home** order regardless of funding until the university, in accordance with guidance from the Department of Health, determines that it is safe to do so. As guidance is updated from the state, the University leadership will make appropriate decisions regarding such students keeping their health and well-being as the top priority. NOTE: **remote opportunities may occur and are encouraged.**

- What is the status of summer undergrad programs?
 - WISE is not canceled at this time, but summer projects will be dependent on the state of Ohio guidance at the time.
 - COM SURF has been cancelled this summer, though they are going to try and provide some remote professional development opportunities for the students.

- Any guidance on funding international students who are in their home country and unable to return with being funded on federal contracts and working remotely?
 - The Office of General Counsel has been reviewing relevant labor laws and agency guidance to identify options for such students. Once those options are understood, that information will be shared with the Grad School.

Safety:

- Space cleaning/disinfection?
 - If there is a specific reason to believe that a laboratory has been contaminated, researchers should contact [Environmental Health and Safety](#). The space should be immediately vacated and will be locked down for 7 days. After that time, EH&S will evaluate the necessary cleaning process and proceed accordingly.