

• **Expected Graduation Term (EGT) issue**

The Office of the Registrar is in the processing of verifying all those who applied for graduation. Graduation denials will be done soon. This delay has complicated the both the registration process and the Online Graduate Appointment (OGA) process. When a student applies to graduate, they are not eligible for graduate appointments nor are they able to register.

For help, the student should contact the Graduate College for assistance to register. If you have questions about the OGA process, contact Lisa Poston ([postonl@ohio.edu](mailto:postonl@ohio.edu)). If a student is assessed a late fee as a result of not having their OGA posted, the department can either reach out directly to the Office of the Bursar ([bursar@ohio.edu](mailto:bursar@ohio.edu)) requesting to have the late fees removed or the department may contact Lisa Poston.

*Please note* – If you have students who applied for graduation in the spring and they did not finish, please ask that they DO NOT reapply for graduation until after June 2<sup>nd</sup>.

• **Online Graduate Appointment (OGA) update**

The first award pull for paycheck #1 was May 21, with a final approved appointment submission of May 18. Appointment processing continues with the next appointment submission of Wednesday, June 3 for paycheck #2 (June 15).

• **Library access**

On May 20, the library received the list of all students who expected to graduate in spring but did not. The library has granted these students access to the library. Normally access is based on registration. However, part of the alternative grading/registration policies for spring term allow students to finish in summer without registering if they had registered for spring term.

• **International Student Task Force**

We know there are graduate students who have remained in Athens. The exact number is unknown. Many may be stranded here with rent due and few means to make money. On-campus jobs have vanished, and international students cannot work off campus. This situation may become more critical as the summer progresses. This task force is exploring different strategies to help these students.

• **Additional International Matters**

- I-20s can now be sent electronically. With this new process, admitted students should get their I-20s more quickly.
- Some countries are scheduling visa appointments.
  - China, Japan, Denmark, and Nigeria are a few.
  - Ghana is not.
  - Encourage applicants to keep working the process, so they are prepared if they can schedule an appointment.
- Some students have not been able to or still cannot return to their home countries. These include: The Gambia, Saudi Arabia, and Pakistan.
- The TOEFL is now be offered in China. Both TOEFL and IELTS are offered at home in many countries.

## Q & A

*Financial Challenges – where should a student go for help?*

Students who are facing financial challenges may be eligible for a microgrant offered through Student Affairs: <https://www.ohio.edu/student-affairs/dean-of-students/bobcats-helping-bobcats/emergency-microgrants>

*For students with GA/RA/TA appointments recently eliminated due to budget cuts - where do they go for help?*

Graduate College (GC) can assist in an advocacy role, but GC does not have funding to assist with these stipends and tuition scholarships.

*What is the waiver process for international students who need to register for a single credit hour over the summer?*

Enter the award in OGA under 'ADD OTHER AWARD'. Choose INTL STUDENT SUMMER TUITION SCHOLARSHIP. Departments may additionally fund the grad general fee for these students using the award 'INTL STUDENT SUMMER GENERAL FEE', also found in OGA under other awards. For questions, please contact Lisa Poston ([postonl@ohio.edu](mailto:postonl@ohio.edu)). Note: One credit of 6950 or 8950 qualifies as full-time registration for an international student.

*What if students registered for more than one credit hour?*

The students will have to go through the tuition appeal process. It would be helpful if faculty members could include in the appeal a statement like the following "due to confusion around the COVID-19, this student registered for more than the required number of hours". Please send these appeals to Katie Tadlock ([tadlockk@ohio.edu](mailto:tadlockk@ohio.edu)). Students should not panic about the late fee. We can work to clear this up.

*For some programs, students need access to the library stacks. Can the GC assist with this?*

David will bring this up to the library staff.