Dear Student,

I write to you with an important update on UD's 2021 travel study programs. As you are aware, the COVID-19 pandemic continues to evolve, extending its impact to almost every facet of our lives, including the feasibility of travel. While we remain hopeful that Spring 2021 programs can take place, I am saddened to announce that our Winter 2021 domestic and international travel study programs have been canceled.

For spring programs, IGS continues to work closely with our campus and international partners to monitor the situation. As always, we are following official guidance given by the <u>U.S. State Department</u>, the <u>U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention</u> (CDC) and <u>Drum-Cussac</u>, our travel risk service. In addition, we are actively tracking changes in travel restrictions and communicating regularly with our semester study abroad host institutions to ensure that they can provide access to safe housing, meals, transportation, classroom space, medical services and more. Our students' health and safety are our top priorities.

If UD decides to cancel spring study abroad programs, we will communicate directly with all applicants via UD email. If you are accepted to a program that is later canceled, the University of Delaware will reimburse the cost of program fees, tuition and flights (if purchase was advised by IGS).

You are a valued member of our community, and we are here to support you. For updates on the University's response to COVID-19, please visit the <u>UD website</u>. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to <u>contact our office</u> at any time.

Sincerely,

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