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A Message to Our Grantees and Applicants on COVID-19

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We know that you, our grantees and wider applicant community, are grappling with



unprecedented disruptions and challenges due to the global coronavirus outbreak. We want you to know that we recognize the difficulties you face, we remain committed to current projects, and we aim to offer as much flexibility and support as we can. While most of the team at the John Templeton Foundation is working remotely, we have full access to our systems, and we stand ready to provide guidance to you.

For Applicants Under Review

If your proposal is under review, our review process will continue as planned, and you are welcome to reach out to the program team assigned to your proposal with any queries or updates that you might have about start dates and proposed project timelines.

For Grantees with Approved Proposals

If you have an approved proposal but do not have a signed grant agreement, please contact your program team member if you would like to revise the start date or request a revised project timeline. We are willing to be as flexible as we can in adjusting start dates and timelines. If we do not hear from you, we will continue to process grant agreements in accord with what was requested in the proposal materials. We ask you to think carefully about whether you can begin a project on time and work within the project timeline. Please note that it is easier for us to make adjustments to projects prior to signing the grant agreement. Once you begin your project activities and spend grant funds, we will have much less flexibility to consider no-cost extensions.

For Current Grantees

Our first priority is to do all that we can to ensure you have the resources you need to complete your work on time or to make adjustments to project timelines and stated outputs for the grant. We are willing to work with you to consider your requests to revise budgets, change outputs and adjust project timelines.

Our Commitment

We remain committed to seeing the work that we funded develop and finish, while recognizing that there will likely need to be revisions to some of our shared objectives and aspirations. In the coming weeks we will be working hard to respond to your queries and requests as quickly as we are able. As we seek to support you, we ask for patience while we try to answer every question swiftly and responsibly.

It is our great joy to work with over three hundred project leaders who are pushing the boundaries of discovery and understanding across a range of disciplines. We look forward to working with you to advance the goals of your important projects. Please be in touch if you have additional questions about how we can help you manage your grant this year.

With much gratitude,

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