Dear New Faculty Member,

We hope you and your families are staying safe and healthy.

We want to congratulate you again on your appointment to the faculty at the University of California, Irvine. We look forward to welcoming you to UCI in the coming months, either in person or remotely.

This is a challenging time for our country and our global community. Yet, we are convinced that key to our ability to respond to the COVID-19 crisis and to continue the fulfillment of our important mission as a public university is the recruitment and retention of top-notch faculty, who anchor our research and teaching enterprise. Soon that will include you, and here we want to assure you that your appointment is secure and that we await your arrival with enthusiasm.

In the face of enormous personal and social challenges the University of California is resilient and enduring. Here at UCI, we are managing these uncertain times by drawing on our considerable strengths in making constant adjustments to do all we can to ensure the wellness and safety of our community, while pursuing our mission as a public university. We have been deeply impressed as faculty, staff and students have all stepped up to meet the challenges to ensure that research, teaching, and service-related activities continue via remote operations.

With the COVID-19 crisis still rapidly evolving we do not have all the answers regarding many of our normal activities for new faculty including onboarding processes and faculty orientation activities. We will provide regular updates here <https://ap.uci.edu/covid19/2020-new-hires/>

Please feel free to contact me at [dkodowd@uci.edu](mailto:dkodowd@uci.edu) if you have specific questions.

Sincerely,

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