

Statement of Endorsement

*Issued by the Steering Committee on April 8, 2020, in Support of the Open Letter
Urging CUNY to Provide Emergency Funding for Graduate Students
In Light of the COVID-19 Crisis*

We, the Steering Committee of the Doctoral and Graduate Students' Council, endorse the open letter addressed to Chancellor Félix V. Matos Rodríguez and incoming GC President Robin L. Garrell urging CUNY to grant a one-year emergency funding package for all Ph.D. students in light of the COVID-19 crisis; provide six years of full funding for all incoming PhD students; and give all CUNY master's students a one-year tuition waiver and a one-year extension of any support they currently receive.

The [open letter](#) has so far been signed by more than one thousand students, faculty, and staff, making it one of the most widely signed open letters in the Graduate Center's history.

Recognizing the untold impact that the COVID-19 Pandemic has had on the lives and work of professors and graduate students across the CUNY system, the Steering Committee supports the many members of our community who are demanding emergency funding to ensure that everyone can continue their important scholarship and make progress toward completing their degrees.

In Solidarity,

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