**Subject: Important SIE Update**

We hope that you are all doing okay and adjusting to all the changes from the past couple of weeks. We are absolutely committed to helping you through this difficult period and want you to know that you are very much in our thoughts.

Many of you have reached out concerned about the status of summer funding. While we want to reassure you that we intend to continue supporting student opportunities this summer, we also want to be upfront about the impact that this unprecedented situation has had on SIE. As we previously communicated, CMC will not support internships and experiences in Level 3 or 4 countries. On March 19th, the U.S. Department of State announced that all non-US countries should be considered Level 4 and recommended all U.S. citizens avoid travel abroad.

**Given this latest information, CMC SIE and experiential funds, including those supported by institutes and centers, will not sponsor international travel out of the U.S. for summer 2020. SIE and experiential funding will only support international opportunities when those opportunities are considered “domestic,” meaning in the U.S. or student’s home country of residence.**

**Domestic/Remote Opportunities**

We encourage all students to focus their summer plans domestically (whether that be in the U.S or your country of residence). We are also hoping to fund more remote internships and experiences (i.e., completing an internship while working from home). For those that had confirmed opportunities abroad, we encourage you to reach out to your organizations to see if there is a potential to intern remotely instead.

While there are currently no restrictions on travel within the U.S., we want you to think about how this situation may continue to impact us domestically. While you think about your “Plan A” for summer, you should also consider what your “Plan B” might look like – whether that be a remote internship or local opportunity that requires minimal travel. The Soll Center team is actively working with employer partners and CMC alumni to identify additional summer opportunities, both domestic and remote, for students who have been impacted by these changes. We will pass this information along, via Handshake postings and emails, as it becomes available.

**Next Steps**

Next week, we will move everyone who applied to SIE into a new, “Supplemental SIE Application” round on SMApply. Whether you originally submitted an international or domestic SIE application, we ask that you use this supplemental application to provide us with your latest thinking about your summer since your plans have likely changed since you originally applied.

Rather than notifying you about decisions in early April, funding allocation will be granted on a rolling basis as students secure opportunities. Because of this, there is no immediate deadline by which you need to complete the supplemental application. We want to allow you as much time as possible to figure out your summer location and corresponding opportunities. Use the next couple of weeks to begin brainstorming different options for your summer and what your funding needs may be.

We also encourage you to reach out to your contacts at any of the relevant CMC programs, institutes or centers to discuss your summer plans, prior to completing the supplemental application. You can also reach out to Amy or Evan with any questions about your individual summer plans. As you solidify your plans for the summer, we ask that you update us so we can facilitate the funding process. More information on the updated process will be sent to you next week via email.

**Soll Center for Student Opportunity Support**

If you need any kind of advice or support as you think about your summer plans, staff at the Soll Center for Student Opportunity are here to help you consider potential impacts and talk about your options. Virtual appointments with our Career Coaching staff can be made via [Handshake](https://cmc.joinhandshake.com/) for you to discuss alternative internships or experiences. You can also email your questions to [careerservices@cmc.edu](mailto:careerservices@cmc.edu) or to individual staff.

Once again, we understand that these changes may be frustrating and that the unpredictable nature of this situation is extremely stressful. We want to ensure that you are still able to have a fulfilling and productive summer and hope to support as many students as possible. Please reach out to us for assistance, or if you have any questions or concerns.

Thinking of you,

Amy and Evan