

To: All SURE program participants

From: SURE Program Director

We have been monitoring CDC guidelines and seeking advice from medical and public health professionals in order to determine the best path forward with the SURE program in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic. After much deliberation, we have determined that the best course of action will be to cancel the 2020 OUHSC SURE program. Although it is certainly unfortunate, we feel this is necessary for the health of everyone involved and to mitigate further spread of the virus. This decision does not come easy as we, and all of you, are significantly impacted by the fate of this program; however we feel it is our responsibility to promote the wellbeing of all of our participants.

Since our program is highly competitive, we would encourage you to include acceptance into the program on your CV/resume with a notation that the program was cancelled in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic. It is a significant achievement to be accepted into this program and you should be recognized for that success. Additionally, if you are still eligible, we strongly encourage you to apply again next year.

If you have any questions, please contact surp@ouhsc.edu.

Please stay safe and well.

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