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Dear Valued Partner,

Greetings from the University of California, Davis! We thank you for your ongoing partnership with the Global Study Program, especially during these extremely challenging times. Over the past several months as the world has grappled with the coronavirus pandemic, I have been heartened by the work of the international education community, especially the way institutions have come together across the globe to battle the virus and all of its pernicious effects. More than ever I believe that the strength of our programs depends on the support and cooperation of our international partners.

We would like to share some highlights and recent news related to UC Davis with you, beginning with the experiences of some of our recent students.

1) Global Study Program Student Experience

Although 2020 has presented challenges we have worked hard to provide the best possible learning experience for our students. We were delighted to read this comment from a recent student from China who wrote "throughout the quarter, I felt very happy in curriculum setting, class experience, and help provided by [GSP]. Also, I did well in the final exams and obtained a full GPA of 4.0/4.0 in all three courses." We couldn't be happier for this student and all of our 2019-20 GSP students who achieved success.

Each quarter we survey our departing Global Study Program students to learn more about the overall student experience. At the end of the Spring 2020 term, despite all of its interruptions, inconveniences, and forced remote learning, 100% of students said, "Yes, I would recommend my friends to come to UC Davis and study through this program." This is a tremendous credit to the quality and motivation of the students that enter the program, as well as to the flexible and dedicated service provided by the GSP staff.

2) UC Davis as a National and Global Leader

We are excited to offer our students access to world class academic courses and programs in fields critical to the global future, including agricultural and animal sciences, biological and environmental engineering, and medicine. We are also proud that UC Davis leads the country in inclusiveness and internationalization, thanks in part to our *Global Education for All* initiative.

UC Davis remains the number one rated Veterinary Medicine program in the world, according to both *QS World University Rankings* and *U.S. News and World Report*, and **in the top three nationally in fields like Agriculture, Biological Engineering, Ecology, and Forestry.** In 2020, the *QS World University Rankings* ranked UC Davis as the 7th best public university in the U.S. and as tied for first in the country for diversity and internationalization.

3) An Offer for You

We are optimistic that physical mobility will return, and we will work hard to facilitate in-person instruction for the Global Study Program in a safe and healthy manner. At the same time, we have had the opportunity to explore the frontiers of virtual learning and will continue to do so. Over the Spring, we have worked with professors to provide high-quality remote instruction to our students and have highlighted two of their stories in the attached brochure.

We are excited to offer the opportunity for one staff member to enroll in a remote course at a greatly reduced price for Fall Term 2020. We value all of our partners greatly – the Global Study Program would not function without them! It is our pleasure to provide this opportunity as a "thank you" to our partners and to keep prospective GSP students aware that world-class professors continue offering remote access to UC Davis courses. We are happy to provide details of the available courses and pricing soon, so please be in touch!

4) Personnel Updates

Many of you have worked closely with Jake Hosier in his capacity as interim director of the Global Study Program for many years, and I am pleased to announce that he has recently been appointed as the Director of Access Programs. In his academic leadership position, Jake will serve as the Director of the Global Study Program and also be responsible for the development of new access, academic, and continuing education programs for international audiences. He will develop and oversee new international initiatives and programming involving research, academic, and access programs by developing international and campus partnerships. He will also develop custom professional development programs for international life-long learners, and lead development of new programming for international university partners.

It is our mission to provide life-changing educational experiences to our partner students, and it is our honor to contribute to the global outlook and diversity of the UC Davis community through our strong bonds with our partner institutions. We look forward to strengthening these bonds for years to come.

Sincerely,

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