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Dear Fall 2020 Southern Hemisphere GO Long students,

We are writing you because your program typically starts before August 15th. As we have sent in earlier messages, many countries are closing their borders to travelers and our partner universities have moved to online formats, like Susquehanna, in order to reduce the exposure of the faculty, staff, and students to coronavirus.

We have made the difficult decision to rescind approval for GO Short and GO Your Way summer travel due to COVID-19. With this rapidly evolving situation and updated travel advisories, we need to be proactive with your program options as we do not anticipate your program running as planned.

We are in communication with your host university/program provider and anticipate that they will be making alterations to their semester.

We still recommend that you complete the preparations course and fulfill other GO Long preparation requirements, as listed below, as if you were going to participate in GO Long this fall. The prep course is applicable for future GO Long options, and can also assist us in approving travel if things dramatically change in order for travel to occur in late July/August.

In addition, make sure to **apply to your program by its stated due date**. If you have already done this, great. For those of you who haven't, please make note of when your program will accept applications until (it should be on their website). Many programs have extended their deadlines and put in place more flexible cancellation policies and deposit/application refunds. Please remember that program dates are most likely tentative as globally higher education is navigating the evolving COVID-19 situation.

Later in April, the **traveling workshop will become available online**. Everyone is welcome to view that, and for those of you who have not already done a workshop, it will be required.

The mandatory **health and safety training will also be available online** later in April, and will be mandatory for everyone. We are in the process of developing it now, and it will likely include a few components.

And, for those of you who were working on **passport applications** and starting to think about **visa applications**: please note that those services are not currently available, so we will all need to watch out for when those come back online. If GO hears of that happening, we will reach out to you.

If you decide that you no longer want to travel in fall, you have a couple of withdraw options. You would be able to defer to spring 2021 or fall 2021; alternatively, you can participate in a future summer/winter break option. At this point, if you decide that you would like to withdraw from fall GO Long, we recommend that you stay in your OFFP: Preparation to GO Long course. Because of COVID-19, you will not be charged the withdrawal fee from GO. If you would like to withdraw from fall 2020 GO Long, please contact Ariana.

As completion of the GO program is part of your academic requirements here at Susquehanna, our primary goal is to keep you on track for graduation while maintaining your health and safety.

We know you'll have many questions and concerns and we continue to be here to help you as we all respond to this unfortunate situation.

Sincerely,  
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Scott Manning