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Dear Returned Peace Corps Volunteer:

The International Development, Community, and Environment Department (IDCE) at Clark University has long been home to RPCVs, both in our student body and among our faculty; the Peace Corps is in our DNA. Our hearts go out to all of you whose lives have suddenly been turned upside down.

We in IDCE recognize the vital role the Peace Corps plays in the world. We realize that the suspension of volunteer operations and the abrupt end to your service has created significant challenges for your reentry.

In response to these extraordinary circumstances, my Clark colleagues and I are mobilizing resources to help RPCVs with this re-entry. We want to welcome you to our master's degree programs that have long served as a pathway for RPCVs to build their skills and expertise and launch productive careers in and across the environment and development sectors.

In recognition of both the unusual end of your service, and the economy into which you are re-entering, IDCE is boosting its scholarships for RPCVs to enhance the affordability of our master's degree programs. We are also making significant accommodations in our admissions process to streamline your application.

Additionally, starting in May, RPCVs in our master's programs can begin taking classes online – no matter where you are - which can lead to degree completion as soon as May 2021.

Our RPCV faculty and students, those who can best understand your time in the Peace Corps, are here to talk about your experiences, your ambitions, and the ways in which IDCE might serve your goals going forward, so please reach out to us.

More information about IDCE, its degree programs, and its opportunities for RPCVs can be found at our [Returned Peace Corps Volunteers Response Page](#). My colleagues and I look forward to hearing from you, and being part of your story going forward.

Sincerely,

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