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Dear Dr Grady,

Thank you for your letter of the 24<sup>th</sup> March.

This is a very challenging time for the UK's research and innovation workforce and we are moving as quickly as possible to address the uncertainties caused by COVID-19. We recognise the concerns you raise and are working hard, and closely, with the sector and the government to address the issues you outline.

Your letter is helpful in highlighting the needs and urgency of the workforce. We will continue to need your help to identify and focus on the most pressing issues.

Last week, I responded to a letter from the Russell Group outlining some of the actions we are taking to respond to the impact of COVID-19. You can read my response [here](#), which will give you a good overview of our activities.

We are also making every effort to ensure the most up to date information is on the UKRI website. This includes information and advice for grant holders and applicants and can be accessed [here](#).

We will continue to work closely with the higher education sector and the government to understand and respond to the impacts of COVID-19 and find the best solutions.



Yours sincerely  
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