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March 9, 2020

Dear [REDACTED],

Congratulations! It is my pleasure to recommend you to the Vice Provost for Graduate and Professional Education for admission with a Teaching Assistantship into the Department of Economics Ph.D. program at the University of Delaware. As a Teaching Assistant, you will receive a stipend and a 100% tuition reduction for the 2020-21 academic year, not including winter or summer sessions. The tuition portion of the award is paid directly to your student account. In addition, the University pays for a portion of the University's Accident and Sickness Insurance Plan. The award does not provide for the Health Center or Student Center fees.

As a Teaching Assistant, you will be obligated to work up to 20 hours per week for the department during the 2020-21 academic year. In return for this service, you will receive a stipend of \$24,000 for the 2020-21 academic year. Your stipend payments will be made twice each month, are subject to withholding, and are reported as taxable income.

Conditions of the award require that you be a full-time student and that you provide the service described above. You will also be required to attend the ELI-ITA program offered during the summer of 2020. Please see the attached information with more details about this program. Continuation of this award throughout the spring semester is contingent upon satisfactory performance of the above mentioned work responsibilities.

We expect that this financial support will continue for five years of graduate study, provided you maintain a grade point average of 3.0 or higher in your coursework, progress through the program in a timely fashion, and satisfy all university requirements described in the Academic Regulations for Graduate Students section in the [Graduate Catalog](#) and the student life policies set by the University and documented in the University publication, [Student Guide to University Policies](#).

Please inform us in writing of your decision no later than April 15, 2020. In accordance with the [Council of Graduate Schools' \(CGS\) resolution](#), you may consider other offers of financial support until the April 15 deadline, but any decision after April 15 is an obligation that you are expected to honor. Likewise, we will honor this offer until the April 15 deadline, after which point it will be rescinded unless you are informed in writing that the deadline for a decision has been extended. Although you are under no obligation to accept this offer prior to April 15, please let us know as soon as you have made a decision so that we may extend offers to other prospective students if possible by signing, dating and returning this letter to Deborah Sharpley at [debraak@udel.edu](mailto:debraak@udel.edu). You should also go to your Applicant Status Page to post your decision on the admission offer to UD which will then prompt you to upload your funding letter and any additional needed documents.

All students are required to have health insurance coverage and must verify their coverage at the beginning of each academic year. Specific information about the plan and enrollment options can be found at [Student Health Insurance Plan](#). Note: Students may process a waiver to be enrolled in the plan if appropriately enrolled in another qualified plan.

Congratulations and best wishes on your achievement. We look forward to working with you in the fulfillment of your educational and professional objectives.

Sincerely,

Michael A. Arnold  
Department Chair

David R. Stockman  
Director of Graduate Studies

\_\_\_\_\_ I accept the financial aid offer.

\_\_\_\_\_ I decline the financial aid offer.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

cc: Office of Graduate Studies