## Navigating Uncertainty: Resources & Support for the SIS Community

## For Those Seeking Help

- The SIS Office of Career Development is creating a comprehensive list of alumni and students who have been directly impacted by these directives who would like support by way of job opportunities or personalized support.
  - O If you've been affected, please email us with your name, graduation year, company, and job status. One of our team members will be able to share a list of open jobs from members of our community who quickly answered the call and are hiring or know of opportunities.
  - You can also browse a <u>curated list of opportunities within the development</u>
     <u>sector</u> from eager-to-help individuals across the globe (sourced from LinkedIn
     members).
- The career team offers <u>daily drop-in career advising sessions</u> both in-person and online –
   as a lifeline for those navigating unexpected career challenges or clarity.
- You can also check the SIS LinkedIn group for daily job opportunity posts.
- Browse our website for a <u>suite of career-focused events</u>.
- Your academic advisor is standing by to work with those affected to understand your full enrollment options and ways you can continue your degree with minimal disruption.
- The <u>SIS Emergency Fund</u> stands ready to assist students experiencing immediate hardship.
- The <u>Van Kirk Book Fund</u> helps alleviate additional financial pressures by assisting with the costs of books for class.
- For those considering continued education, federal loans remain available for Spring 2025, with <u>financial aid advisors</u> prepared to explore additional funding options like the Grad PLUS loan.
- A <u>GoFundMe</u> was started by SIS professor Nina Yamanis to provide monetary aid to SIS
  alumni who have been affected by these changes. Funds will be distributed on a first come,
  first served basis until they run out. <u>Submit your name to the list.</u>
- The SIS Office of Career Development will keep updating this page with the latest information of relevant events, legal and other supports available, and more.

## For Those Who Want to Help

• <u>Share job opportunities</u> for talented professionals unexpectedly seeking new roles within your own organization or at others.

- Contribute to crucial support funds that provide:
  - Emergency financial assistance
  - o Scholarships for students pursuing international service
  - o Funding for transformative experiences like study abroad and internships
  - o Research and innovation support that continues critical global conversations
- Consider donating to the <u>GoFundMe</u> started by SIS professor Nina Yamanis to provide monetary aid to SIS alumni who have been affected by these changes.

## **Other Paths Forward**

The School of International Service offers <u>flexible graduate degree options</u>, including:

- Part-time to full-time study paths
- Customizable degree tracks aligned with individual passions
- Tuition savings of 30 percent for AU undergraduate alumni looking to pursue a master's degree via a <u>Double Eagle Graduate Scholarship</u>

For employees affected by the current federal hiring changes, our admissions team is extending the application deadline to March 15 for those considering pursuing a graduate degree for fall 2025. We are also able to offer an application fee waiver for fall 2025 and dedicated Zoom sessions unpacking career-focused degree options. If you're interested in either of these options, please email us to learn more.