



Illinois Board of Higher Education

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Dear DFI Fellows,

The Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE) and the Diversifying Faculty in Illinois (DFI) board would like to encourage you to continue your studies in a manner reflective of your knowledge and proficiency as educators. Due to the unprecedented events of the past few weeks, we are aware of how hectic things may have become for you as fellows, as well as family members and citizens. We, therefore, appreciate your diligence and commitment toward the timely and successful completion of your degree, and your future employment in the state of Illinois.

Notwithstanding, we are aware that campus activity has been altered due to the critical state needs of the day. Thus, we appeal to your determination as fellows to fulfill all requirements for the projects and activities that remain before you. You are also encouraged to contact your institutional representative if you have any questions or concerns.

As for the next academic year, we are in the process of finalizing the selections of new and renewal applications. This process should be completed by late May, and notifications should be available to you and your institution in early June.

Again, we thank you for your continued commitment to your degree and the program and look forward to your success as a fellow and future faculty member or administrator of Illinois' higher education system.