

Introduced by: Senator YACOVONE (APPOINTED)

Cosponsored by: Senator SALMERON-PERLA (2022)

Georgetown University Student Association

In the school year 2019-2020

**A RESOLUTION For Safe And Expanded Work-study Opportunities For Fall 2020 In
Light Of Covid-19**

WHEREAS, according to the US Department of Education, “Federal Work-Study provides part-time jobs for undergraduate and graduate students with financial need, allowing them to earn money to help pay education expenses;”¹

WHEREAS, the average Federal work-study award is just under \$2000 and helps 15-20% of students nation-wide pay for college;²

WHEREAS, approximately 10-12% of Georgetown undergraduates are first-generation college students;³

WHEREAS, approximately 40% of Georgetown students receive some form of financial aid;⁴

WHEREAS, members of the Georgetown community, including those with a federal-work study, may be immuno-compromised and/or at increased risk from COVID-19;

WHEREAS, since the initial restrictions and stay-at-home orders, around 40 million jobless claims have been filed nation-wide;⁵

WHEREAS, several common Georgetown work-studies, like student guards and RHO positions, have substantially reduced hiring for the summer sessions;⁶

¹“Work-Study Jobs.” Federal Student Aid, May 16, 2020. <https://studentaid.gov/understand-aid/types/work-study>.

² “How America Pays for College 2019.” Sallie Mae, 2019.

https://www.salliemae.com/about/leading-research/how-america-pays-for-college/?dtd_cell=SMPLCADCOTDORSOTOTHOTHR010001.

³ Kahn-Perry, Taylor. “Admissions Rate Falls to 14 Percent, Lowest in University History.” *The Hoya*, April 8, 2019. <https://thehoya.com/admit-rate-falls-14-percent-lowest-university-history/>.

⁴ Mandell, Mason. “Tuition Hikes Slow in 8th Consecutive Year of Increases.” *The Hoya*, January 25, 2019. <https://thehoya.com/tuition-growth-slows-amid-eight-consecutive-hike/>.

⁵ Cohen, Patricia. “‘Still Catching Up’: Jobless Numbers May Not Tell Full Story.” *The New York Times*. The New York Times, May 28, 2020.

<https://www.nytimes.com/2020/05/28/business/economy/coronavirus-unemployment-claims.html>.

⁶ “Georgetown University Student Employment Office” Georgetown. Accessed June 9, 2020.

<https://seo.georgetown.edu/>.

WHEREAS, on June 16, 2020, the University released several potential plans for the upcoming semester, including combinations of virtual and on-campus learning.

THEREFORE, be it RESOLVED by the Georgetown University Student Association Senate as follows:

1. DEMANDS THAT the students, especially those with a federal work-study, will still have access to employment during the COVID-19 pandemic;
2. CALLS UPON the University to offer digital/remote employment opportunities for the work-study;
3. FURTHER CALLS UPON the University to expand the number of remote job offerings to students;
4. ADVOCATES THAT a diverse option of shifts and hours are made available, with consideration to the students staying home in different time zones;
5. FURTHER DEMANDS THAT the University prioritizes the safety and wellbeing of those who rely on the federal work-study, but may feel unsafe to work in-person during the ongoing pandemic;
6. FURTHER ADVOCATES FOR additional hazard pay, when fitting, for those with on-campus work-studies during the upcoming fall semester;
7. FURTHER DEMANDS THAT students working in person on-campus are given adequate protection, including but not limited to masks, gloves, and hand sanitizer;
8. FURTHER CALLS UPON the University to clearly communicate, detail, and outline different job opportunities through email updates and/or frequent updates to the Student Employment Office website.

Certification

We hereby certify that the foregoing legislation was duly considered by the Senate at a meeting at which a quorum was present and that the same was approved by a unanimous vote, this 28th day of June, 2020.

Speaker

Vice Speaker

I hereby sign this legislation into law.

President of the Student Association