



# ETSI

## Science Initiative

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Dear ETSI faculty, students and staff,

During this unprecedented time, as many of us may feel overwhelmed by the rapidly spreading Covid-19, we want to reach out to you to express our empathy and share our concern for your safety and wellbeing. This pandemic is affecting all of us in many different ways and there is a lot of uncertainty, but with hundreds of thousands of professionals working around-the-clock to contain it, and to take care of the sick and the vulnerable, there is reason for us to stay positive and calm.

Adversity tends to bring the best out of us, and as can be witnessed, the entire world is working together, collaborating and cooperating, in this somber moment--driven by the common purpose of eradicating this pandemic. As His Holiness the Dalai Lama writes: "It is under the greatest adversity that there exists the greatest potential for doing good, both for oneself and others." It is essential for us to realize that each one of us has the capacity to contribute in this situation, by remaining safe, by protecting yourself and others, by showing compassion to one another, especially to those who are affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, and by doing our best to support the on-going efforts to contain the calamity.

We also want to share with you that our six monastic scholars at Emory, as well as the larger monastic communities in India, are taking necessary measures to keep themselves safe.

On behalf of Geshe Lobsang Tenzin, our Executive Director and the program, we send you and your family our prayers and good wishes. Please stay safe.

Sincerely,

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