



## Announcement from the Interim Vice President for Academic Affairs

### *Temporary Repatriation of Expatriate Personnel*

Dear Students,

KAUST is aware that some countries are now organizing repatriation flights to home countries through their respective embassies and consulates in KSA. Some countries have contacted their resident expatriates via e-mail over the last 48 hours regarding special Saudi-permitted commercial flights to repatriate them.

Students who decide to travel and manage to purchase tickets for a repatriation flight to return to their home country on a temporary basis are strongly encouraged to consider the followings:

- Travel presents **increased risks to health** at this current time
- **Those 55 + or in a vulnerable group** are advised to remain
- The current health situation in your home country may present **additional health risks**
- **Many countries are now requiring quarantine upon arrival** for international travelers

Please ensure you consult with and have your **faculty advisor's approval** for this remote working arrangement. Your faculty/academic advisor will seek the approval of your Dean. The Emergency Management Remote Working Procedures are in place and may guide you through this period.

It is important to note that compensation and **benefits may be impacted** if the emergency management remote working period is not in effect anymore and you are unable to return back to KSA. KAUST will support all students working remotely during this period and will remain reasonable in situations when it is difficult for students to return to KSA.

If you are interested in potential repatriation flights please contact your embassy/consulate directly and they will advise if this is an option. Please note not all countries are offering repatriation flights. **All associated costs including flights and transportation are at the**

**individual's expense.**

Should you decide to travel and are able to obtain a flight, please be reminded of the following:

- If you are insured by BUPA Global, please make sure that you **keep your medical cards and membership details with you at all times**. If you are insured by BUPA Arabia, please note that **the reimbursement of medical treatment overseas will be based on the customary charges of similar medical services in KSA**.

- A multiple, **12 month exit-entry visa** is advised

- A **valid Iqama with at least 6 months duration** remaining is strongly recommended

You can also access the FAQs by [clicking here](#). If you have any further inquiries, please don't hesitate to contact [graduateservices@kaust.edu.sa](mailto:graduateservices@kaust.edu.sa)

Thank you

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