

A NOTE TO GRADUATE STUDENTS

Dear Faculty,

Over the coming days, graduate students and graduate supervisors will have to make many decisions about how to adapt to the evolving COVID-19 pandemic. The School of Graduate Studies (SGS) has sent out, or will shortly send out, a message (attached and below) to all graduate students with an update on how graduate activities are currently being affected by the pandemic and how the University is responding.

We understand the current status of research being conducted within other institutions to:

Toronto Academic Health Science Network (TAHSN) Hospitals: Effective March 16, 2020, all non-essential on-site research activities will be scaled back for an initial period of three weeks until Monday April 6th.

Research Data Centre (RDC): Closed

Institute for Clinical Evaluative Sciences (IC/ES): Access with precautions. Moving to enable more students to access their datasets remotely. This will take some time to fully implement, and we will aim to prioritise students who are close to completing their analyses or have specific deadlines.

As soon as possible, please check-in with your supervisees about their courses, research, RA/TA positions, etc. Some may be very stressed about their ability to progress. Please work with supervisory committees to come up with creative solutions to adapt to the changing research environment and conditions. There is great academic freedom on what these changes and adaptations can look like. Please remind your students of the mental health resources they have access to through the University, which can be found on the Student Life website: <https://www.studentlife.utoronto.ca/feeling-distressed>.

Thanks,

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