Dear Students,

We are excited to reengage with you for Spring 2020!

Recognizing that things continue to evolve quickly, we will provide you with weekly updates and share how services will be modified to serve you in a remote environment. Throughout the quarter, we will share reminders of important dates/deadlines and provide tips for healthy ways to manage learning remotely.

All faculty and staff will work diligently to help you to accomplish your academic goals this quarter.

We wish each of you good health, wellness, and success as you move forward this quarter.

Sincerely,
University of Chicago Professional Education

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### Important Spring Quarter Dates to Add to Your Planner!

Please bookmark your calendars for the following Spring Quarter dates and deadlines. If you have questions or concerns, please contact your academic program.

- **Add/Drop Period for Full Refund**: Monday, April 6 - Friday, April 24
- **Spring Graduation Application Application Due**: Friday, April 10
- **Spring Quarter Bills Posted**: Wednesday, April 8
- **Spring Graduate Application Due**: Friday, April 10
- **Spring Quarter Bills Due**: Wednesday, April 29

*Add/Drop is available during the first three weeks of the quarter. Students are permitted to add
or drop classes through Friday of the third week, although most classes are closed after first week.

**Graduation Application Deadline for Spring 2020 Graduates**

**The deadline to apply for Spring Quarter Graduation is this Friday, April 10, 2020.** Please follow the below steps to complete your Application to Graduate.

1. Log in to my.uchicago.edu and click the “My Academics” tab.
2. Under the Academics tab, to the right, under Graduation, select the Graduation Application link to apply.
3. Input information and save each screen.
4. Click "Submit Graduation Application" to finalize your application.

If a student fails to apply for graduation, they will be ineligible to graduate during the Spring quarter.

**Delaying Graduation**

If, after applying, a student must delay graduation, they must contact the program advisor or Dean of Students Office by the end of the fifth week of the quarter, Friday, May 8. Students must reapply for graduation and will be assessed a $65 reapplication fee if the delay is initiated after the fifth week of a quarter. Students are responsible for ensuring they meet all degree requirements and should confirm their eligibility to graduate with your academic advisor(s).

Details about Convocation 2020 are still under development. For updates, please visit [https://convocation.uchicago.edu/](https://convocation.uchicago.edu/).

**Share Your Thoughts & Engage With Others:**

**Virtual Town Hall via Zoom**

Thank you to all who were able to join us last week during the Virtual Town Hall Forums hosted via Zoom. We appreciated the time that you spent with us and enjoyed hearing your questions.

We will continue to host virtual forums the first four weeks of the Spring quarter where students can ask questions and share your experience. We hope these forums foster mutual
understanding and transparency within our learning community.

Sessions will take place Wednesdays at 5pm. Click here to join.

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**Tips, Resources and Engagement Opportunities Spring 2020**

**New Student Facebook Group**
We know that moving Spring Quarter courses online is unexpected, but we hope engaging with a community of fellow students through our closed student Facebook group will help you along the way. Think of this group as your place to ask general questions, for new students to interact with returning students, to learn more about important updates, and get information about upcoming online events. We look forward to interacting with you there. Request to join today and be a part of the conversation: [www.facebook.com/groups/1121674221538666](http://www.facebook.com/groups/1121674221538666)

**Learning Remotely**
The University of Chicago has developed a central resource for students to navigate learning online in Spring 2020 successfully. Students will be able to learn about helpful strategies while using Canvas and Zoom, successfully working with audio and video equipment, and best practices on participating in an online learning environment.

Please visit [Getting Started](#) and [Learning Remotely](#) for links, tips, and answers to your questions about online learning.

**Access to Student Services & Resources**
Providing students with access to wellness resources and emergency support continues to remain a top priority across the University, both for students who will reside in or near the Hyde Park campus and those who do not. [Student Health and Counseling Services (SHCS)](#), [UChicago HELP](#), and the [Dean-on-Call](#) and [Sexual Assault Dean-on-Call](#) programs will continue to remain available to students.

Current public health guidelines do limit Campus and Student Life’s ability to deliver other normally available resources and programs which are supported by the quarterly Student Services Fee. Therefore, we are reducing the quarterly Student Services Fee to a flat $125 rate for the Spring Quarter.

**Live more than 50 miles away from Campus?**
Students who will be more than 50 miles away from campus for the duration of the spring quarter may petition to have the Student Services fee waived by submitting their request to [bursar@chicago.edu](mailto:bursar@chicago.edu) by April 15, 2020. The bursar’s office has provided further answers to anticipated questions about Spring Quarter [here](#), including updates on financial aid, stipends, federal loans and grants, and payment deadlines.

**Virtual Wellness Programming**
Health Promotion and Wellness are offering a variety of virtual programs during Spring Quarter 2020 to help students improve their wellbeing, including Mindfulness Meditation, Refresh Sleep, Pet Love, and more. Check [this page](#) for updates throughout the Spring quarter, or visit their [events calendar](#) for more information.

**Student Accommodations**
The University of Chicago is committed to facilitating the full participation of students in need of academic accommodations in the life of the University. [Student Disability Services (SDS)](#) is
responsible for determining eligibility as well as the types of accommodations for students with disabilities.

If you are a student in need of academic accommodation(s), please contact the SDS office as early as possible to initiate services. Visit https://disabilities.uchicago.edu for more information.

**UChicago Grad**
UChicagoGRAD has moved to virtual services and is committed to supporting graduate students and postdocs during this challenging time. We encourage you to continue to take advantage of UChicagoGRAD resources that will be provided remotely.

All UChicago Grad advising appointments are available through Skype/Zoom or by phone. Most workshops and events will be moved to virtual platforms; please pay special attention to details in event descriptions for further information. If you have any concerns about accessibility or need to request an accommodation, please contact Deborah Blumenthal at deborahb@uchicago.edu.

Don’t forget to register for Grad Gargoyle! GRAD Gargoyle is your online portal for career development through UChicagoGRAD.

**International Student Support:**
The Office of International Affairs (OIA) will continue to provide support through remote services. Students can connect with OIA staff online and by phone! For questions concerning document submission and other vital matters, please review OIA’s Scholar & Employee COVID-19 FAQ’s!

**Interested in Volunteer Opportunities during the COVID-19 Crisis?**
Students in the Pritzker School of Medicine have been working with the University of Chicago Medical Center and other students across the city on various volunteer efforts. They have compiled a list of volunteer opportunities that any graduate students can get involved in. [Here is a link to a website](https://example.com) run by Pritzker students that will remain up to date with ongoing volunteer opportunities. Additional volunteer opportunities can be found [here](https://example.com).
Our UCM patients and the UCM Blood Donation Center need your HELP! Please consider donating blood or platelets now. UCM Blood Donation Center is located in DCAM 2E (just before the sky bridge to CCD). Please call (773) 702-6247 now to schedule your appointment. Scheduling your appointment will help us be compliant with "social distancing."

Stay Up-to-Date

We recognize that there is much information coming from several sources. While we will continue to provide you timely and relevant updates through our regular Broadcast, much of the information is being provided at the University-wide level.

Here are some helpful webpages that will be very useful to you as you navigate the Spring Quarter. Many of these pages have information added daily.

- The University’s Spring Quarter Q&A page
- The University's Coronavirus Updates page
- Office of International Affairs (OIA) Frequently Asked Questions related to coronavirus page
- Graduate Financial Aid COVID19 Q&A
- Student health insurance (Uship) COVID-19 Q&A
- Teaching Remotely page, which houses resources to help instructors teach effectively online
- Updates on Coronavirus and Student Health and Wellness Resources
- UChicago Wellness's support for students in self-isolation following travel or exposure to a person who has COVID-19
- The CDC recommends everyday preventive actions that you can find here

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**Additional Questions? Contact Us**

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