Emergency assistance

- Limited emergency funds for those financially impacted by COVID-19 are available through the Raider Relief Fund.
- Supplement food is available from TTU's food pantry by appointment, see https://www.depts.ttu.edu/dos/foodpantry.php
- Continuing Student Scholarships for International Students http://www.depts.ttu.edu/international/scholarships/continuing.php (scroll to bottom of page for information regarding possible funding from the Texas Public Educational Grant)
- Student Affairs Resources and Support http://www.depts.ttu.edu/studentaffairs/SACOVID19.php
- CARES Act

Loaner computers, etc.

- A limited number of loaner laptops, cellular hotspots, webcams, and headsets available are available by emailing verify.ithelpcentral@ttu.edu (provide phone #, R#, and equipment needed).

Graduate student employees and postdoctoral scholars

- All graduate student employees (GPTIs/TAs/RAs/GAs/SAs) and postdoctoral/other Ph.D. non-faculty researchers are expected to continue working remotely until advised.
- GPTIs/TAs for Summer I/Long Summer should be working with their supervisors and home departments to help deliver instruction by remote means.
- GAs/graduate students employed as SAs/RAs/postdoctorals/non-faculty Ph.D. researchers should work with their supervisors about how to carry out assigned duties.
- See below for resumption of research activity and return to work.

Research and scholarly activity

- Graduate students and postdocs should be in regular contact with their major professors/research supervisors about tasks that can be accomplished while working from home (e.g., library research, data analysis, manuscript preparation).
• Many online resources are available regarding data management and other research-related training as well as professional and career development activities are available. Please refer to the Graduate School's professional and career development.

• A phase-in plan for the resumption of research and scholarly activity for graduate students and postdocs is underway; for details and an application to resume research activity on campus, see http://www.depts.ttu.edu/research/covid-guidelines.php

• Graduate students/postdocs working with human subjects should review their projects in consultation with their advisors and make adjustments as needed to avoid delay in project completion. For guidance and to determine if amendment of IRB protocol is required, see https://www.depts.ttu.edu/research/irb/

Summer 2020 classes/registration requirements

• Long Summer and Summer I will be online only instruction; Summer II will be a mixture of online and face-to-face instruction.

• Graduate students should enroll in 6000, 7000, 8000, and internship as usual, working with their advisors on specific duties.

• Enrollment requirements: 1) students who have begun thesis or dissertation MUST be enrolled in at least 1 credit of 6000 or 8000, as appropriate, 2) students on assistantships must be enrolled in at least 6 credits, and 3) students planning to graduate Summer 2020 must be enrolled in at least 3 credits.

Summer 2020 Intent to graduate

• Intent to graduate must be filed by June 13

Summer 2020 preliminary/qualifying/comprehensive exams

• These exams should proceed as normal to accommodate student progress/degree completion. Exams scheduled during Summer I take place by remote means (e.g., Zoom, Skype, etc.); details for exams scheduled during Summer II will be forthcoming

• Deadline for receipt of reports of comprehensive exams for Summer 2020 graduation—July 10
Summer 2020 thesis/dissertation defenses

- The defense deadline is June 22; defenses scheduled prior to this date should occur by remote means (e.g., Zoom, Skype, etc.)
- All committee members, including the dean’s representative, must be present
- Candidates also must present their work publicly via remote means (zoom, skype, etc.)
- For graduation in Summer 2020, the FINAL versions of theses and dissertations must be submitted to the Graduate School by July 6.
- Theses/dissertations received after July 6 will move the term of graduation to Fall 2020; in this event, students must enroll in 1 credit of 6000/8000, as appropriate, during Fall 2020

Summer 2020 Commencement

- Details about Summer Commencement will be forthcoming

All services for graduate students and postdoctoral scholars will be available by remote access for Summer 2020, including the following:

- The Graduate Center. Appointments for statistical consulting and library research assistance may be made by emailing grad.center@ttu.edu
- The Graduate Writing Center. Appointments may be made through https://appserv.itts.ttu.edu/WcOnline/eraider/login
- Graduate Student Enrollment Services. Appointments may be made by emailing enrollment.services.gradschool@ttu.edu
- General Advising. Appointments may be made through Strive.
- Professional and career development events will be made available remotely through synchronous and asynchronous delivery. Check weekly email announcements and Graduate School Calendar at http://www.depts.ttu.edu/gradschool/
- Office of Graduate and Postdoctoral Fellowships. Assistance with developing and submitting external fellowships may be obtained by emailing gradfellowships@ttu.edu

Extension to maximum time to degree

- The maximum allowable time to complete master's and doctoral degrees will be extended for up to one year for students affected by COVID-19.
Students may elect this extension during the semester of their normal tenure limit, if necessary. For more information, contact the Office of Graduate Enrollment Services at enrollment.services.gradschool@ttu.edu

Questions about graduate student or postdoctoral issues may be directed to gradschool@ttu.edu

The university is monitoring the situation closely in consultation with public health officials. For the latest updates and communications, please regularly check the Texas Tech University coronavirus (COVID-19) website.