Frequently asked questions master Oncology and master Cardiovascular Research
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We understand that you have many questions because of the Corona virus. In this overview you will find the questions and answers that you and / or your colleagues have recently asked. The list keeps getting updated. We hope you understand that we cannot answer all questions immediately. We work hard on good solutions.

Questions about closure of the Faculty of Medicine VU

Until when is there no physical education?
In any case, the program will be suspended until April 6. Until April 6 there will be no physical education at all. You can no longer come to the faculty for e.g. your lecture, your mentor meeting or your internship.

Is the Medical Faculty accessible and are study facilities available at the VU University?
The medical Faculty is not accessible and study facilities of the VU will be closed until further notice. It is therefore not possible to study at VU Amsterdam in the period up to 6 April.

How can I get in touch with the program?
Because the medical faculty is not accessible, you can no longer call us.
Are you a master Oncology student and do you have any questions? Mail with masteroncology@vumc.nl.
Are you a master Cardiovascular Research student and do you have any questions? Mail with cvrmaster@vumc.nl.
Are you a student and do you have questions about your internship abroad? Mail with international@vumc.nl.

I would like to get in touch with a study advisor, is this possible?
You can make an appointment for a meeting via telephone by sending an e-mail to: studieadviseurs@vumc.nl. In the email, mention your student number, on which day / time you want to be called and on which phone number you can be reached.

How will I be informed?
Keep a close eye on your VU mail. We will inform you by email when we have further information.

Literature Study

It is not possible at the moment to go to my supervisor for a meeting or my final presentation. What should I do?
Discuss the possibility of using Skype for a meeting of final presentation with your supervisor.

Internships:

I am doing an internship, what do the measures mean for me?
Internship activities are cancelled until the 6th of April. You have received an email about your options on 27 March. Please email the program if you did not receive the information.

Can I continue with my internship at home?
Discuss the options for working from home with your supervisor. Maybe you can start writing your internship report (Introduction, Materials and Methods) and analyze data.
Will my internship now be automatically rescheduled for 3 weeks?
This is not yet clear at the moment. Obviously this has our attention. Keep an eye on VU mail.

Internships abroad (please also check the FAQs of the international office (NL))

I am already abroad for my internship. What applies to me?
We call on students who are currently abroad for study to return immediately. Travel for study, internship and research abroad is currently not considered necessary and must be postponed or canceled. Air traffic between countries is decreasing and it is therefore not justified to stay abroad longer.

I plan to travel abroad for my internship soon. Can this continue?
No. All internships abroad with a start date up to the 1st of June have been postponed or canceled.

Does this apply to all countries and locations abroad?
Yes. It does not matter in which country you are, which internship or internship you follow, and in which phase of the internship you are you. Rebook your ticket immediately and contact international@vumc.nl to inform us of the date of your return journey.

Are there exceptions?
No, there are no exceptions to this policy.

Who informs the internship location?
Students who have arranged an internship with a starting date until the 1st June, must inform the internship supervisor / location of this cancellation or that the internship must be postponed.

Does the Faculty of Medicine VU follow the same policy as the VU?
Yes, VUmc International Cooperation Office follows VU policy.

What is the consequence of going back to the Netherlands for my study progress?
This point obviously has our attention. More information will follow.

Questions about tuition fee

What about the extra study costs that I will have due to fact that I have to pause my internship and have finished all other components of the master program?
We are aware that you might graduate later than expected and that you have to pay more tuition fee.
Please check the website of the VU for more information about tuition fee: https://www.vu.nl/en/news-agenda/news/corona-contact-faq/index.aspx. If you have questions, contact studentenbalie@vumc.nl

Do I have to continue to pay tuition fees?
For all questions about enrollment and deregistration as a student and for all enrollment-related questions (tuition fees, etc.), please mail to studentenbalie@vu.nl.