Dear International Graduate Students,

Our sincere apologies for the email of Monday, March 16, 2020 2:52:30 PM. The email was directed at international undergraduate students. Let us please be more specific here.

International Graduate Students in **Course-Based** Masters Programs that will be **completed as of April 30, 2020**
The directive to return home (as communicated in the email of Monday, March 16, 2020 2:52:30 PM) indeed makes sense. This will reduce the likelihood that you will find yourself unexpectedly stranded in Canada with no means of returning home for the foreseeable future. For those pursuing Canadian-based work opportunities after April 30 and with the appropriate work visas, we will leave it to you to decide what is best.

International Graduate Students in **Course-Based** Masters Programs that will be **completed after April 30, 2020**
If your study Visa allows you to stay though summer 2020 or beyond, you can certainly choose to stay in Canada. If you choose to stay, you can expect to hear at a later date from the Office of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies with respect to registration plans for summer 2020. If you would prefer to return home, the Office of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies will ensure the issuance of paperwork to enable you to re-register at a later date.

International Graduate Students in **Thesis-Based** Doctoral and Masters Programs that will be **completed as of April 30 or within the first few weeks of May, 2020**
Given that we can accommodate thesis defences remotely, the directive to return home (as communicated in the email of Monday, March 16, 2020 2:52:30 PM) makes sense. This will reduce the likelihood that you will find yourself unexpectedly stranded in Canada with no means of returning home for the foreseeable future. For those pursuing Canadian-based work opportunities after April 30 and with the appropriate work visas, we will leave it to you to decide what is best.

International Graduate Students in **Thesis-Based** Doctoral and Masters Programs that will be **completed well after April 30, 2020**
If your study Visa allows you to stay though summer 2020 or beyond, you can certainly choose to stay in Canada. Please communicate with your research supervisor to ensure mutual understanding of your research plans. At a later date, the Office of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies will communicate with you with respect to registration plans for summer 2020.

Again, we apologize for the confusion caused by the previous email. We especially wish to reassure thesis-based international graduate students that we are keen to continue our research with you so long as you are comfortable staying.

Sincerely, Carrie and Ben
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