Graduate Student Information

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/SACOID19.php CARES Act

Loaner computers, etc.
- A limited number of loaner laptops, cellular hotspots, webcams, and headsets are available by calling 742-HELP.

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 be on campus working on assigned duties unless alternate arrangements have been approved in advance. (See below about research activities.)
- Graduate students employed as GPTIs/TAs/RAs/GAs/SAs and postdoctoral/other Ph.D. non-faculty researchers may NOT work outside of the US.

Research and scholarly activity
- Graduate students and postdocs should be in regular contact with their major professors/research supervisors about accomplishment of assigned tasks.
- 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.
- 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
Spring 2021 classes/registration requirements

- Students on fellowships, assistantships (TA, RA, GPTI), or other appointments designated for support of graduate student must enroll in at least 9 credits.
- Students who have begun master’s or dissertation research must enroll in at least 1 credit of 6000 or 8000, as appropriate, every semester until their term of graduation.
- Term of graduation (those expecting to graduate May 2021): Doctoral and master’s student in a thesis option must enroll in at least 3 credits of 6000 or 8000, as appropriate, this spring. Students in a non-thesis master’s program must enroll in at least one credit of non-thesis coursework this spring.
- Students receiving financial assistance must register for the number of hours required by Financial Aid.

Spring 2021 Application to Graduate

- Intent to graduate must be filed by February 5 ([https://enrollment.grad.ttu.edu/graduate/](https://enrollment.grad.ttu.edu/graduate/))

Spring 2021 preliminary/qualifying/comprehensive exams

- These exams should proceed as normal to accommodate student progress/degree completion. Exams may take place face-to-face or by remote means (e.g., Zoom, Skype, etc.)
- Deadline for receipt of reports of comprehensive exams for Spring 2021 graduation—April 27

Spring 2021 thesis/dissertation defenses

- The defense deadline is April 2; Defenses may take place by face-to-face or remote means (e.g., Zoom, Skype, Blackboard).
- All committee members, including the dean’s representative, must be present for the presentation and the defense, either in person or remotely (synchronously), for the defense to be valid.
- Candidates also must present their work publicly via remote means (zoom, skype, etc.)
- For graduation in Spring 2021, the FINAL versions of theses and dissertations must be submitted to the Graduate School by April 9.
- Theses/dissertations received after April 9 will move the term of graduation to
Summer 2021; in this event, students must enroll in 1 credit of 6000/8000, as appropriate, during Summer 2021.

Spring 2021 Commencement

- Details about Spring Commencement will be forthcoming

All services for graduate students and postdoctoral scholars will be available by remote access 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