Dear colleagues,

As we moved our classes online this week and all staff is currently working from home, we would like to keep you updated on developments at the UT. Here’s a small impression on how we are working from home:

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We have decided to extend the period for (solely) providing online education from 6 April to 1 June. By extending the term for offering only online education, we strive to provide more clarity for both staff and students. In addition, we can now invest more attention to the quality of our online education. In case government regulations would change before 1 June, we will assess at that time what activities would still be feasible at the campus. We are also investigating what options we have for activities for which there are no online alternatives available, such as some practical assignments and exams.

On www.utwente.nl/wall you will find some personal experiences shared by members of the UT community. For more detailed information on various topics, please visit www.utwente.nl/corona. If you cannot find the answer to your question there, please contact us via info@utwente.nl.

Warm regards,
Dear partner,

Hereby we would like to inform you about the current situation at the University of Twente regarding COVID-19.

All courses and exams have been cancelled as of Friday 13 March. This week our professors are preparing online education which will start Monday 23 March.

Please find the email that has been sent to all of our students [here](#).

We assist all students who wish to return home wherever we can.

On [this website](#) the information is constantly updated. Please don’t hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.

Warm regards,

Miranda Bönhke

Teamleader Scholarship Unit & International Relations (SOIR)
Dear colleagues,

The University of Twente is keeping a close eye on the current situation regarding COVID-19 safeguarding health and safety of the wider UT community. We support all of our students, employees, visitors and guests, and we follow the national guidelines of our governmental institutions, such as RIVM, GGD, Government.nl, the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC), and the World Health Organization (WHO). At this time no coronavirus cases have been identified in the UT community.

For now, all events, academic activities, facilities on campus are ongoing and nomination rounds for incoming and outgoing students and staff in the coming summer and fall semesters are ongoing as usual. Furthermore we would like to inform you that, as the situation rapidly evolves, we are preparing scenarios in case education and research activities would have to be halted and/or other methods of education have to be implemented to continue academics. As this would be a decision that will not be taken lightly, it will be taken by our ‘Central Crises Team’, in cooperation with all Higher Education Institutions in the Netherlands, as well as with our governmental institutions.

Pre-emptive measures:
The University of Twente handles a central protocol for safety, health and security situations. Our ‘Central Crises Team’ meets twice a week on COVID-19, to rapidly respond to any developments, answer prime questions, provide clear directives and advise our community. We created a website detailing the current situation as well with a FAQ list. We monitor the news 24/7 and keep in touch with our students and staff abroad on a regular basis through our ‘Calamity Service Abroad’ team (including a 24/7 response telephone number).

As we remain committed to the safety and security of all staff and students, we will inform you if there are any major developments. We understand that you may be adjusting your international programming in response to the virus’s spread as well, so we encourage you to stay in touch sharing your situation, point of views or any concerns you may have.

Warm regards,

Miranda Bönhke
Teamleader Scholarship Unit & International Relations (SOIR)