

UNIVERSITY OF TWENTE: Update COVID-19

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Dear Partner,

Warm greetings from the University of Twente (UT). We hope this message finds you in good health and we hope you and your family are well during these unprecedented times.

On 26 March we last informed you about latest developments at UT regarding COVID-19 and mobility. The ongoing pandemic presents a huge challenge to the international education sector, but it has been inspiring to see partners all over the world stepping up to provide support to international students and keeping the community safe. Here in Enschede, most of us are currently still working from home and observing social distancing and safety measures. We are currently working on a protocol aiming to ensure a safe and healthy restart of activities. Nationally, we work in the following manner:

'on campus if we can, online because we can'

Our classes have moved online as of 23 March until the end of the current semester. As we plan for our immediate future, we would like to share that we strive for a balance in education: face-to-face and online, individually and in interaction with each other and with the teacher. Given the educational vision of the UT, education is organized in such a way that students do not study only online and do not study all alone by themselves. Regular opportunity for online and offline interaction with other students, teachers and the campus is crucial for education and student wellbeing. All support services also remain operational.

As a university, we embrace international exchange as a valuable aspect of studying. International exchange (incoming as well as outgoing) will therefore be possible again as of the fall semester of the academic year 2020-2021. All opportunities are dependent on the Dutch national legislation and therefore changes may occur (restrictions may be eased or newly imposed).

We are looking forward to our continued partnership and are positive and confident that we will overcome this pandemic together.

Meanwhile, please take care and stay healthy.

Warm regards,

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