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## Update on student exchange: winter semester 20/21

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Dear Partners,

We hope that you and your family are doing well in this challenging time during which we all are struggling with the COVID-19 pandemic and its effects. We would like to give you an update on the current COVID-19 situation on the upcoming winter semester 20/21 here at TU Darmstadt.

The university has been monitoring closely and continually the spread of the CoVid-19 virus and this has led us to some difficult decisions.

Because of continuing uncertainties about travel restrictions, public health, immigration and health insurance factors, we regret to inform you that **TU Darmstadt has decided to cancel the incoming exchange program for winter semester 2020** for your home countries, as travel restrictions and quarantine rules still apply. We are very sorry about this decision and regret any inconvenience it may cause. Especially during these uncertain days, we cherish our partnership even more.

We have informed your students about the unfortunate decision directly.

Despite this unfortunate situation, we would like to give your students some alternatives such as postponing the on-site exchange to the summer semester 2021 or one of the following semesters or the possibility to take the courses online.

We asked your students to contact you first about their decision. Should your student(s) wish to change their study period at TU Darmstadt to our summer semester 2021, please nominate your students again (nomination deadline October 31, application deadline November 30 2020). We will do our best to accommodate your students.

We hope that the situation gets sorted and solved as quickly as possible and of course also hope to be able to welcoming your students here at TU Darmstadt in the coming semesters. We are currently preparing everything possible to receive students again in the summer semester 2021. TU Darmstadt still offers the possibility to participate in online courses and seminars from their home base. Here are our online-offerings:

### Orientation:

The International Student Services is preparing an orientation programme with different online activities. Please check our [website for updated information](#).

### Language Course

The intensive German language course will take place online from September 28 to October 23, 2020. The mandatory placement test will be online from September 14 to 17 2020. More information will follow in the coming weeks.

### Teaching

As the development of the CoViD-19 pandemic is still uncertain, TU Darmstadt has decided to hold all courses online using digital teaching formats. The winter semester will start on November 2, 2020 and end on February 12, 2021. TU Darmstadt is working on making distance-learning exams possible. However, there might be some exams that are not offered digitally. Exams can take place anytime from the end of January until the end of March 2021.

In order to move forward with our planning we kindly asked your students to indicate via email the following information and at the latest by **Monday, July 20, 2020**.

Name:

Home University:

I want to participate in the upcoming winter semester 20/21 online: yes/no

I am planning to postpone to summer semester 2021 and have informed the exchange coordinator at my home university: yes/no

TU Darmstadt is closely monitoring the impact of the Corona-Virus outbreak around the world and in Germany. We are taking all possible steps to prevent further spread among students, staff & faculty. Your health, well-being and safety are and will always be TU Darmstadt's top priority.

For more details, please check the TU Darmstadt homepage for up-to-date information for students, employees and staff: [www.tu-darmstadt.de/coronavirus-info-en](http://www.tu-darmstadt.de/coronavirus-info-en).

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Best regards,

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