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1st Pandemic-Related Questionnaire for Undergraduate and Graduate Students Graduate Students' Voices (Digest)

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About the questionnaire

Survey method: Web-based survey

Subject: Undergraduate and graduate students

Period: Mon, April 20 – Thu, April 30, 2020

Number of responses: Graduate students: 1,702 responses (not including undergraduate students)

Notes on the survey results:

- ✓ Possible non-graduate student responses due to anonymity, multiple responses, or inappropriate responses.
- ✓ The representativeness of the survey results cannot be determined, e.g., some universities or grades (academic year) have a high number of responses.



My biggest concern is financial security.



I had to pay full tuition even though I can't use the lab!

Graduate students are not eligible for scholarships from JASSO.

Wi-Fi rental from university are not for graduate students.

I'd like to see some kind of change across the country.

Graduate students have very few classes.

My father lost his job at the end of March.

It's hard to make a living, so I can't concentrate on my research.

I'm wondering if I should take a leave of absence from school because my plans for competitions and short-term study abroad are vanished.



I can't do experiments and collect literature!



I feel anxious about my future and career prospects.

I can't make progress with my research because my computer is so old.

I don't know if I can graduate on track.

I can't escape the sense that I've lost my place in the world.

I can't get the amount of literature I need.

It is difficult to communicate with my advisor.

If this pandemic goes on too long, I have to consider remaining in the same grade.

I'm an international student. It's even harder to get a job offer.

See the details here

A lot of graduate students responded to the survey. Thank you for taking part in the survey.

The preliminary data is available on the website of the National Federation of University Co-operative Associations (NFUCA).

<https://www.univcoop.or.jp/covid19/enquete/index.html>



If you have any questions, please contact the National Student Council (nfuca-gakusei@univ.coop). We will discuss our future activities based on the analysis of the results. Let's keep our spirit high!