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2nd 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: Wed, May 20 – Sat, May 30, 2020

Number of responses: Graduate students: 504 responses
(of which 207 respondents responded in April survey)

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.

See the details here

Over 500 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/recruitment/index.html>



Some responses convey gratitude for the many working people, including university staff, who are responding to the rapid social changes. Thank you for your continued support.



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I'm really struggling with no income.



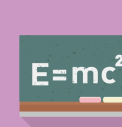
My parents are elderly people, so it's hard to rely on them. I'm selling my own possessions for survival.



I'm a working student, which is very rare in Japanese society. Nobody understand my position.



I'm a dental student. My part-time job at a hospital job was cut back in April. In May, I didn't have a job.



I need to make significant changes to my research plan.



I can't do any fieldwork, so I don't have any significant progress in my research at all.



My advisor became busy with online classes and the response time for giving advice was slow.



It is no longer possible to exchange opinions easily.



I've given up on going to the doctoral program.



I didn't take the teacher's exam because the pandemic shows no sign of ending.



I'd like to get more interns, but the lab won't let me.



I've been aiming to become a researcher, but I'm wondering if I should change my career plan.



Graduate students are students, too. Please help us!



As a graduate student, I honestly have no one to turn to but my parents.



Student benefits have strict requirements and the evaluation criteria are biased towards part-time income.



I want more people to be aware that tuition fee is expensive.

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