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To: Graduate students
From: Prof. Yehuda Pinchover - Vice Dean of the Jacobs Graduate School

Re: Special consideration for Graduate Student with young children

Dear Graduate Students,

I hope you, your families and those close to you are in good health. Technion Executive Vice President and Director General of the Technion, Professor Boaz Golani, wrote in his letter to the Technion House on 7/1/2021 that the graduate students are expected to continue and maintain their research.

Graduate students who are parents of young children (up and including 6th graders, hereinafter young children) carry parental responsibilities that make it difficult to advance their research, especially due to the closure of the education system. These graduate students need to coordinate with their advisor the manner of continuing their research, the time devoted to the research and the attending.

The following are possible facilitations for parents of young children.

1. Graduate students with young children and have a candidacy examination scheduled for January or February and have, due to the closure of the education system, difficulty meeting the due date, may apply (according to school procedures) for one month postponement.

2. It is possible to postpone the date of the seminar lecture for graduate students with young children who are supposed to hold the seminar lecture during January or February and who have, due to the closure of the education system, difficulty meeting the due date. If, as a result of the postponement, it will be necessary to postpone the thesis submission, a request must be submitted according to the Graduate School guidelines.

3. Scholarship recipients with young children may apply for an extension of the scholarship duration/their study duration due to delays in research due to the closure of the education system.

The above requests must be approved by the advisor and the Graduate Studies coordinator in the department. The ID appendix showing the kids needs to be attached to the request. The request will be submitted to the graduate studies secretary who will forward it – once it was approved by the graduate studies coordinator - to the relevant office of the graduate school.

Regards,

Prof. Yehuda Pinchover

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