In light of the current difficult circumstances around the globe, we at UChicagoBiosciences hope that you and your loved ones are safe and well. The COVID-19 pandemic has impacted all of us, and we wanted to reach out to our admitted students with some information that you may find useful. While we all have more questions than answers, here is what we can tell you right now:

- Submission of materials: We know that testing agencies, schools, and other organizations worldwide have been disrupted. If you are currently completing another degree, please note that we do not need to have your final transcript until September 14, 2020. If your final term grades are pass/fail, credit/no credit, or otherwise different than usual, we will accept their choices.
- The UChicago Biosciences graduate programs described two opportunities at your recruitment event to engage in research before the start of Autumn Quarter. We have not yet made a decision about the Graduate Summer Research Program (a limited opportunity to be on campus beginning in July) or the MBL boot camp. Information about these summer activities will be distributed later in Spring Quarter.
- International students: UChicagoGRAD and the Office of International Affairs will be hosting two Q & A sessions in early April for admitted international students. You should have received information on how to register for one of these events via email; if not, please contact Graduate Admissions at gradadmissions@uchicago.edu.
- Connecting with us: You can contact UChicagoBiosciences at any time via email at bsdadmissions@uchicago.edu.
- Learn more about UChicago: UChicagoGRAD offers a full schedule of spring and summer webinars for admitted students. We encourage you to continue to connect with them through those events, or at gradadmissions@uchicago.edu.
- UChicago’s response to COVID-19: As you know, the UChicago campus houses a top-ranked medical center, and we are proud that the UChicago hospitals are doing an outstanding job of serving our area during the COVID-19 outbreak. In the last few days, it has been heartwarming to see our research laboratories donating their reagents and equipment to the hospital, and our graduate students volunteering their molecular biology expertise to the clinical testing labs. Overall, the situation continues to evolve rapidly, and new information is continually being made available. If you are curious about some of the steps being taken at UChicago, or would like to check for news or updates, you may do so here: https://coronavirusupdates.uchicago.edu/.

Please know that we remain fully committed to our mission of research and education, and to each one of our students. We look forward to meeting you later this year.

Sincerely,

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