**COVID 19 (Coronavirus):**

**Frequently asked questions for researchers and research students – Part 3**

**6 May 2020**

The Frequently asked questions for researchers and research students are continued below following on from the"[Researchers and Research Students Frequently Asked Questions](https://www.gcu.ac.uk/media/documents/BMM01246_Researchers_and_Research_Students_FAQS.pdf)"– Parts 1 - 18 March 2020 and Part 2 – 9 April 2020.All FAQs for Researchers and Research Students are regularly updated and can be viewed from the [GCU top level website](https://www.gcu.ac.uk/student/coronavirusuptodateinformation/adviceforstudents/) or the [Graduate School website](https://www.gcu.ac.uk/graduateschool/).

**Well-being resources and support**

**30. What about the wellbeing of staff and students? Where can I find resources and support?**

We know this is a very concerning time for everyone. TheGCU Wellbeing team have compiled a range of resources for students and staff to access [online](https://www.gcu.ac.uk/student/coronavirusuptodateinformation/healthandwellbeing/). The GCU Wellbeing team are here to help and support you and will continue to provide a confidential service throughout this period.

If you need support or advice, for research students, please contact the Wellbeing Team at [studentwellbeing@gcu.ac.uk](mailto:studentwellbeing@gcu.ac.uk) or the Disability Team[disability@gcu.ac.uk](mailto:disability@gcu.ac.uk).For staff, you can contact[staffwellbeing@gcu.ac.uk](mailto:staffwellbeing@gcu.ac.uk).

**Financial support**

**31. For research students: What if I am having difficulty paying my bills and living expenses because of the COVID-19 situation?**

For any students struggling financially as a result of COVID-19, whether you are home, rUK, international or EU students, GCU has set up the Common Good Support Fund to help in these unprecedented circumstances. You can find an application form [here](https://www.gcu.ac.uk/student/finance/fundingyourcourse/commongoodsupportfund/%20%20-) and you can contact the Student Funding Team for advice at [funding@gcu.ac.uk](mailto:funding@gcu.ac.uk) .

Further advice on paying tuition fees and other sources of financial support during COVID-19 can be found on the [GCU Coronavirus latest webpages](https://www.gcu.ac.uk/student/coronavirusuptodateinformation/adviceforstudents/) under **Student FAQs on Fees and Financial Support**.

The [Student Funding webpages](https://www.gcu.ac.uk/student/finance/fundingyourcourse/commongoodsupportfund/%20%20-) also provide advice on financial support. If you have any queries regarding financial support, you can contact the Student Funding Team at [funding@gcu.ac.uk](mailto:funding@gcu.ac.uk)

**Office access for essential matters**

**32. What if I need something from my office on Campus in order to continue my research work at home?**

Government guidance provides that the University is ‘closed’ to all but essential workers;  however the university will review requests for access on a case by case basis applying the test of ‘essential’ to provide justification for both the access and associated journey.  Cases such as gaining brief access to your office to pick up materials or equipment that are essential for your continued research working at home, have been considered favourably. You can send your request and case for access to David Halliday, Security Manager, Campus Services at [David.Halliday@gcu.ac.uk](mailto:David.Halliday@gcu.ac.uk) .