Please forward this to graduate students, post-doctoral fellows, and research staff in your department

Faculty of Science Research Lab Activity

Dear Colleagues,

It has been several weeks since we initiated the approval process for the resumption of research activity on campus or in the field. We hope that you have been able to successfully and safely manage this transition, following the WorkSafe BC-specified guidelines, via our online Safe Work Plan portal.

We would like to reiterate the importance of the health and well-being of our Science community. Consequently, we also wanted to remind everyone that we are not instructing anyone to return to campus. Indeed, everyone is encouraged to continue to work remotely, where practical. Remote working arrangements will be in place for the foreseeable future.

Over the past week several concerns have been raised with the Faculty Office that graduate students may be feeling undue pressure to return to labs and resume their work. As a reminder, the option to return to campus is not mandatory and the coercion of graduate students or staff to do so, is unacceptable.

In light of this, we strongly encourage anyone subjected to this pressure to contact either Ruth Appanah (sdirops@sfu.ca) or Michael Silverman (sciadr@sfu.ca). Alternatively, we have created an online form (see link below) that can be used to anonymously raise any concerns about resuming research activity.


All submissions will be reviewed for follow-up by the Faculty Office.

Kind regards
Paul