

Dear SOM Graduate Students,

Some of you received a message from me earlier this week regarding final defenses being held remotely as of 3/23. Many thanks for your questions about that as well as questions regarding Ph.D. oral candidacy exams (which will also be held remotely). In response to those very helpful questions, I've updated the [SOM Graduate Student Resources section](#) of our website with a new accordion ('Graduate Student Remote Oral Exams and Final Defenses', see arrow below) that provides guidance regarding these key training milestones.

I've also added an accordion ('Graduate Student Key Messages and Questions', see arrow below) that has several key messages you have received regarding your training and answers frequently asked questions.



I realize you are receiving numerous messages from many sources and I hope this will help you stay organized. I plan to push future communications as needed through this page and alert you with email announcements.

As always, stay safe and please reach out to your program directors or my office if you have questions.

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