

Due to the great uncertainty surrounding the development and spread of the COVID-19 virus, worldwide and being no longer able to fall back on government and business travel insurance in the event of repatriation, (graduation) internships and research projects abroad are not recommended until 1 February, 2021. Faculties can allow exceptions for color codes yellow and green if there is no alternative in the Netherlands and the consequences of cancelling are disproportionate. Color codes orange and red always means: no permission to go. For more information, check your Faculty Brightspace regarding internships and the guidelines the faculties have drawn up regarding this matter.

NOTE: Travel is at your own risk. Following the reviewed government policy to no longer repatriate citizens in the event of a lockdown, any additional costs incurred and/or any further consequences such as a delay to the study programme are the students own responsibility.

Guidelines for (graduation) internships and research projects

If you have any questions about your (intended) internship / (graduation) internship / research project/field work, please contact the Internship Office / International Office / Education and Student Affairs of your faculty.

TU Delft's internship policy is based on the travel advice from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Each travel advice has a rating that indicates how safe a country or area is. This is done with a colour code. There are four colour codes: green, yellow, orange and red. The colours give an idea of whether there is a security threat in the country or area.

(Graduation) internships/ research projects to countries with a **green** travel advice are possible. It is mandatory that students register their stay abroad in OSIRIS before departure (for instructions see web page <https://www.tudelft.nl/studenten/ondersteuning/study-internship-abroad/safety-insurance-vaccinations/>) and adhere to the conditions that their faculty places on the internship or research project.

(Graduation) internships / research projects to countries with a **red** or **orange** travel advice are not allowed.

Until further notice, TU Delft advises against (graduation) internships/ research projects to countries with a **yellow** travel advice, but if there is no alternative and the consequences of the cancellation of the (graduation) internship/ research project are disproportionate, then we allow this under the following exceptional conditions:

1. Approval (graduation) internship / research projects:
 - a. The internship coordinator/minor coordinator/internship supervisor / (graduation) lecturer/first supervisor (graduation) of the faculty in consultation with director of studies must approve the internship in advance.
 - b. Physical internship on location abroad: the internship provider must be able to guarantee the quality and safety risks to prevent the spread of the Corona virus; students are expected to report this back to the relevant internship office of the faculty. Therefore, the student must provide up to date documentation regarding the (local) Government measures and the measures taken within the working location of the student that guarantees their safety.
 - c. Internships on location abroad: students must follow the guidelines of the faculty and while on location also follow the guidelines with regard to COVID-19 that apply per country (this is the student's own responsibility)

2. The student is obligated to follow a travel safety training before the start of the (graduation) internship / research project. These courses will be offered online soon (more information about availability will be available on the web page <https://www.tudelft.nl/studenten/ondersteuning/study-internship-abroad/safety-insurance-vaccinations/>) Students who are already on an internship can exceptionally follow this training from their internship location.
3. The student is obligated to register the (graduation) internship / research project in OSIRIS (for more information about the registration procedure, see <https://www.tudelft.nl/studenten/ondersteuning/study-internship-abroad/safety-insurance-vaccinations/>) so that TU Delft knows where students can be reached in the event of an emergency and as a result of this, the stay will be covered by the travel insurance of TU Delft (under certain conditions, see below);
4. TU Delft travel insurance covers travel to countries with a green and yellow travel advice. If claims are made in relation to Covid-19, the insurance will examine on a case-by-case basis whether there is cover, including the following points: has the student taken sufficient measures to prevent or minimize the medical risks, for example adherence to the rules of the (local) governments and agencies, for example by staying away from large crowds;
5. In the event of a lock down, the Dutch government will not repatriate Dutch nationals. Keep in mind that the situation can change quickly. If there is a major corona outbreak somewhere, a country or region can be locked down again. TU travel insurance has an exclusion clause for these situations.
6. In the event that TU Delft travel insurance does not provide cover, all costs related to the internship stay (for example any costs in the event of repatriation) are for the student's own expenses;
7. All other possible consequences are for the student's own risk, for example the consequences for their study progress due to failure to return in time for (other) educational obligations.

Students who have returned

Students who have returned to their home country before June 25 with the home country marked as red or orange (or green or yellow) may do an internship there (physical or remote) if the internship has been approved in advance by the internship coordinator / internship supervisor / (graduation) lecturer together with the programme director of the faculty and whereby the internship provider can guarantee the quality and safety risks to prevent the spread of the Corona virus; students are expected to report this back to the relevant faculty internship office;

This group of students is not covered by the TU travel insurance at all and can therefore not submit a claim with the TU Delft travel insurance.

TU Delft travel insurance coverage

Information about the TU Delft travel insurance coverage is available at webpage <https://www.tudelft.nl/en/student/study-and-career/study-internship-abroad/safety-insurance-vaccinations/>.

TU Delft travel insurance Covid-19 related coverage

- *Cancellation in advance because the student / employee has corona:* **Covered** - provided this is the main reason for cancellation and the student was not already ill at the time of booking the trip.
- *Cancellation because the event has been cancelled due to corona:* **Not covered** – this is not included in the list of covered events
- *Cancellation because the country in question closes its borders due to corona:* **Not covered** – this is not included in the list of covered events
- *Longer accommodation costs due to quarantine measures of local authority:* **Not covered** – this is not included in the list of covered events
- *Medical costs because the student has incurred corona:* Coverage on the spot **Covered**
- *Repatriation of corona patient:* **Covered**, if necessary and it is possible to repatriate the patient. This entirely depends on the situation and restrictions. In many cases, a corona patient will not be allowed or be able to travel.
- *Repatriation of a healthy student as a precautionary measure:* **Not covered**