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Dear Partner,

The University of Salzburg would like to thank all of our study abroad partners worldwide for their continued support and want to reaffirm our commitment to our exchange partnerships. We are contacting you for a short update on the current situation at our University and our prospects for the upcoming academic year. All of our regular international students, as well as our incoming exchange students, have been informed accordingly.

1. Academic year 2019-20

In line with governmental guidance, we have implemented the following measures to protect our staff and students:

- In general, teaching and exams will continue online until the end of June 2020.
- The University Library has been gradually starting up library operations again since the 27th April. We are now taking further steps to optimise these services under the imposed restrictions.
- The grace period has been extended for the summer semester until the 30th June. This means that students fully enrolled in the last winter semester can participate in these examinations up until this date.
- There will be the possibility to offer courses and examinations, which could not be held in the summer semester due to COVID-19 (e.g. excursions, internships, laboratory exercises etc.), in July, August and September.

Information specifically for our incoming exchange students:

- Students can access individual course results, as well as their full Transcripts of Records, via our internal platform PLUSonline.
- Incoming exchange students will receive a Certificate of Attendance confirming their duration of stay, which covers physical presence and the course attendance via E-Learning.

The University of Salzburg is making a range of adjustments to ensure that progress and performance of our students is not negatively affected by these unprecedented times.

2. Academic year 2020-21

Looking ahead, we are currently starting to prepare for our new incoming exchange students' arrival in the winter semester. As the situation remains uncertain, the University of Salzburg Executive Board is currently considering implementing a mixture of on-site and distance learning for the coming semester. We expect to resume normal teaching at the university by the beginning of October, providing that there are no further restrictive regulations imposed before the semester begins.

The nomination process for the next academic year 2020-21 is open. Our **nomination deadline** for first semester/full year is the **30th June**. The orientation weeks for our incoming exchange students will begin on the 21st September 2020. Due to the current circumstances, we remain flexible and we will be able to accept some late nominations. Please be aware that you and your students may experience a delay in receiving a response from us.

We encourage students to

- apply through the normal routes and we will keep all applicants and offer holders informed regarding programme arrangements through regularly updated messages and webpages,
- to carry out the necessary administrative procedures, but to avoid incurring any costs (plane ticket, insurance, etc.) for now.

Students and staff planning travels to Salzburg/Austria should stay aware of the latest information on the COVID-19 outbreak and should behave as recommended by local national authorities.

In case it is not finally possible for your students to travel to Austria, we will be happy to switch their mobility period to the spring 2021 semester.

For further information on incoming students mobilities please visit our website and, when necessary, contact the responsible person at the International Relations Department (www.uni-salzburg.at/international) or your departmental contact partner at the University of Salzburg.

We look forward to welcoming as many of your students as possible in the coming semester.

Thank you for your cooperation in these unprecedented times.

Kind regards,



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