We hope your semester is going well! Please read below carefully -- it contains important information about preparing to participate in Data+.

This summer, Data+ will run in a hybrid format -- details are still being developed. All program activities will be virtual until on-campus/Durham-based students have completed baseline testing. We're working with university entities to determine all the details of the in-person experience. The information below will be updated as more information becomes available. If you have questions, contact ariel.dawn@duke.edu.

**Award.** Together with partner programs Data+ and CS+, Data+ has made it possible to offset the costs of housing and meals for participants who choose to live on campus. As a result, there are now two options regarding the award for participation:

- $5000 award for students living off campus/remotely
- $1000 award for students living on campus (includes room and board, valued at over $5200)
- Award payments will be made in late June and late July.

**Survey.** Please complete [this survey](#) to confirm your living preference and other important information by **April 15**.

**On-campus and Durham-based living**

**You have until April 26 to advise us of your housing plans.**

The following applies to all students participating in person (living on campus or in Durham):

- You are required to participate in COVID-19 testing and observe all COVID-19 protocols, which will include masking and social distancing. Plans may change as a result of pandemic conditions.
- You are responsible for the Student Health fee of $252.
- If you have a valid parking permit for the current academic year, it is valid until mid-August. For parking questions, contact [tranpark@duke.edu](mailto:tranpark@duke.edu).

**On-campus details**

If you currently live on campus and need temporary housing after May 3 -- You may apply for extension housing [here](#) at a rate of $42.82 per day. Extension housing is available through May 11 and is charged directly to your bursar account.
You are encouraged to leave campus (i.e. return home) and return for move-in on Thursday, May 27. If you're unable to do so, contact ariel.dawn@duke.edu. Alternative move-in dates are subject to approval and considered on case by case basis. The daily rate for bridge housing (between May 11 and May 27) is $50.45/night and you need to have a meal plan.

The following applies to students planning to live on campus during the program:

- You do not need to apply for housing or a meal plan. If you've let us know you wish to live on campus, we'll coordinate your housing/meal plan. The plan provides an average of two meals (or $27.53) per day.
- Data+ move-in day is Thursday, May 27. Before receiving your key, you'll be tested for COVID-19 and will need to sequester until you receive a negative test result. More details will be forthcoming.
- Your award covers your room and the meal plan; you are responsible for all other expenses.
- Move-out is August 7 (the day after the program ends).
- You are expected to participate in in-person activities. More details will be forthcoming.

Off campus students in Durham may opt in to a meal plan (average one meal or $7.73/day + $25 admin fee). We'll collect this information from you.

International students

To receive your award, you need a Social Security number (SSN) or Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN) and your student visa must be current. If you do not have an SSN/ITIN, and are in the U.S., contact Duke Visa Services at visahelp@duke.edu(link sends e-mail) to apply for an ITIN. If you are not in the U.S., you can apply once you're in Durham on a valid visa. It can take two months or more to obtain an ITIN. If you don't have an ITIN by the time award payments are made (first payment is in June), your award will be paid late. When you apply for an ITIN, you’ll need to provide your Code+ offer letter confirming your participation and award amount. To receive your first stipend payment on time, we must have your SSN/ITIN by June 15.

Onboarding. In order to complete the onboarding process, do the following by April 15:

- **Intake survey.** Complete the Data+/Data+ student intake survey so we can pay your stipend. Note that direct deposit is required.
- **Required forms.** You'll soon receive an email from EchoSign@echosign.com. Follow the link in the email to sign our program requirements, a confidentiality agreement, and a consent form.

**International students.** To receive your award on time, you need to have an active student visa and an Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN) or Social Security number by June 15. (If you've worked and received pay in the US, your SSN/ITIN is still valid.) **If you do not have an active visa/ITIN, your award payments will be delayed.** Once you’re in the US with an active visa,
contact Duke Visa Services at visahelp@duke.edu to apply for an ITIN. You’ll need to provide your offer letter confirming your participation and award amount.

**Hybrid format.** Many of you have asked about the program’s hybrid format. All program activities will be virtual until on-campus/Durham-based students have completed baseline testing. We’ll share more information as it becomes available.

If you have any questions, please contact me at ariel.dawn@duke.edu. We look forward to having you in Data+ this summer!