

What would I do?

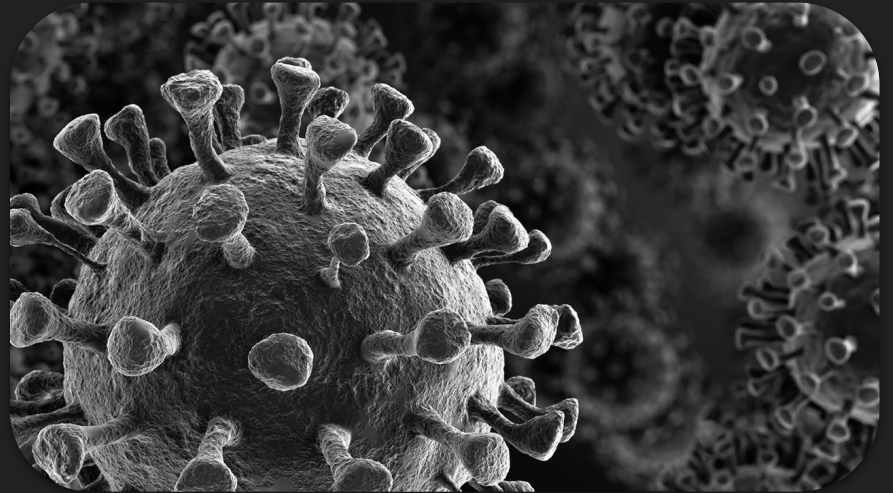
if I'm in grad school today

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Pervasive uncertainty

- When will life become normal?
- When will I graduate?
- When will I find a job?
- Is my visa in trouble?
- Is my funding at risk?
- ...



Dealing with uncertainty

Is this a short or a long term uncertainty?

- 6 months?
- 1 year?
- 3 years?

Compare this with how much longer you had planned to stay in school.

For most students in grad school today...

Life will be just fine when you graduate.

So, what would I be doing now?

This is the time to...

This is the time to... learn new skills.

This is the time to... explore new fields.

This is the time to... collaborate with peers.

This is the time to... share your knowledge.

This is the time to... focus on hard problems.

This is the time to... do your best research.

This is the time to... publish impactful papers.

This is the time to... learn about career options.

This is the time to... build your reputation online.

This is the time to... write grant proposals.

This is the time to... become an entrepreneur.

So you can thank the uncertain times for preparing you so well for anything life may throw at you.