Dear Faculty Registrars,

This year Ramadan, a Muslim religious observance marked by fasting from food and water, prayer and reflection, begins at sunset on **Saturday, April 2** and is expected to end with Eid-al-Fitr on **Monday, May 2**. For many faculties, Ramadan will overlap with the final exam schedule. It is expected that appropriate accommodations be made for students, whether completing an exam online, or in-person.

**Accommodations for in-person exams:**

- For exams running over the hours of sunset, students be permitted to bring water in a reusable or disposable bottle with labels removed and quiet, nut-free food in a transparent container or bag (wrappers on pre-packaged food products must be removed) into the exam room. This allows students to break their fast after sunset.
- Students be permitted to leave the exam room to observe prayer. This accommodation will not necessitate extra exam time and the student will be accompanied by an invigilator. Where possible, it would be helpful to identify a space near the exam room for prayer or meditation.

**Accommodations for online exams:**

- Online synchronous exams that involve eProctoring or other forms of video invigilation/monitoring should consider the above in-person accommodations when requested by students.

Please ensure Faculty, teaching assistants, and invigilators are made aware of these accommodations through faculty communications and/or relevant faculty-led training sessions.

Any request to reschedule an exam due to a religious observance will continue to follow the established practice as per University policy. More details on religious accommodations can be found [here](#).

Thank you for your continued support of U of T students. If you have any questions, please reach out the Office of the Vice-Provost, Students at [vp.students@utoronto.ca](mailto:vp.students@utoronto.ca).

Sincerely,

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