

Dependent Care Leave

Graduate students may take an unpaid leave for the purpose of full-time dependent care due to COVID-related child care, school closings, and other dependent needs that require students to take a break from their studies. Students planning on taking this leave should first schedule a meeting with one of the Graduate Deans. Under this leave, students are eligible to retain existing benefits, including health and dental. If in Caltech housing, students may remain for up to one term while on dependent care leave. Please note that students with dependent care needs may instead request a reduced course load by submitting an [underload petition](#).