

To: May 2021 PhD Candidates
Date: February 27, 2021
Subject: Commencement Exercises

Dear Candidates,

As you may have read in the recent memo from President Brown, Boston University is hosting a few different commencement exercises this spring. You are eligible to participate in the MED and GMS combined **MD/PhD Convocation Ceremony**, the GMS-specific **PhD Hooding Ceremony**, and the **All-University Commencement Ceremony**.

Per the University's guidelines, the **MD/PhD Convocation Ceremony** will be pre-recorded and livestreamed on May 16th, at the same time as all other BU ceremonies. We will be using a platform called [Marching Order](#) to provide each student recognition. We will share more details as they become available.

GMS will also be hosting an in-person **PhD Hooding Ceremony**. Please note that this ceremony does not allow for family or friends to attend due to the visitor policy set in place by the university. The ceremony will likely be pre-recorded and then livestreamed for your loved ones to share in your accomplishments. More information will be provided when available.

If you choose to participate in the **All-University Commencement Ceremony**, please refer to the [BU Commencement](#) website for more information. This ceremony will take place in Nickerson Field on May 16th and again only graduates will be allowed to attend.

We understand that this will not be a "normal" year for commencement, but know that we are determined to celebrate each of you and your accomplishments!

Best,

The Commencement Team