Stipend
If a student defends their dissertation before the 15th of the month, the stipend will be terminated at the end of that month. If the student defends on or after the 15th, the next month’s stipend will be the final month the student is paid, at the discretion of their advisor.

Students are encouraged to speak to their advisors directly about how they should be paid as they complete their graduate work. If an advisor wishes to pay the student for an additional month, beyond what has been explained above, the advisor must notify David Jablon via email as early as possible. David can be reached at dmsaccounting@hms.harvard.edu.

For administrative reasons, a stipend cannot be issued to a student after his/her graduation date. If you defended and received a clear pass, you can no longer remain an enrolled DMS student for the upcoming semester.

Registration & Health Insurance
Please review the HUSHP graduating students website: https://hushp.harvard.edu/graduating-students

November Degree:
Health Insurance – Coverage ends on July 31, 2020
Registration – Previous spring semester.

Students who are uncertain whether they will finish in time for a November degree are encouraged to register for the fall term to avoid late registration fees if they miss the degree deadlines. If they then do finish in time their registration for the term will be cancelled.

November Degree with fall term health insurance:
receive health insurance through the fall semester, you need to do the following:

- Have your advisor agree to pay for health insurance through the fall semester and contact David Jablon (mailto:dmsaccounting@hms.harvard.edu 617-432-2602 ) to notify him.
- Complete the online check-in process for the fall term through your my.harvard.edu portal.
- Submit your dissertation online to the registrar through the registrar’s website ON September 9, 2020 ONLY

March Degree:
Health Insurance – Coverage ends on January 31, 2021
Registration – Register for the fall semester

Students who are uncertain whether they will finish in time for a March degree are encouraged to register for the spring term to avoid late registration fees if they miss the degree deadlines. If they then do finish in time their registration for the term will be cancelled.

May Degree:
Health Insurance – Coverage ends on July 31, 2021
Registration – Register for the spring semester

May Degree WITHOUT spring tuition, you will not register for the spring semester, and your health insurance coverage will end as of January 31, 2021. You must submit your approved dissertation to the Registrar’s Office online by January 24, 2021.