

# More Than a ‘Summer Slump’: How the Loss of Structure Affects Academics

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## **The Chronicle of Higher Education:**

Jamie Hagen has been preparing for this summer for a long time.

Ms. Hagen, a doctoral student finishing her dissertation in gender studies at the University of Massachusetts at Boston, works part time from home, sets strict schedules for herself, and is a tireless networker. The students and professors she came to know in classes have moved on or away, and working hours every day on the project that could decide her career, she said, is isolating.

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Nathan Hall, an associate professor of education and counseling psychologies at McGill University, in Montreal, said summer is sometimes a layaway space for projects he doesn't have time to finish during the academic year, but it's also when he wants to spend time with his family and travel.

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