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TO: ALL GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL STUDENTS
CAMPUS DEANS
GRADUATE COORDINATORS
DEPARTMENT AND GROUP CHAIRS
GRADUATE ADVISORS

SUBJ: Automatic extension of any looming time-limit for all grad students

Dear Students and Colleagues,

The current situation of COVID-19 has impacted our doctoral students in significant ways. Many feel that their research progress has slowed due to the lack of access to Campus. To address this concern, The Graduate Council has approved an automatic extension of any looming time-limits for all doctoral students.

At its April 13, 2020 meeting, The Graduate Council approved extending any immediately-looming time limits by one quarter for all current doctoral students due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Students who are pre-candidacy are granted a one-quarter extension to the pre-candidacy time limit (PCTL) and students who have advanced to candidacy are granted a one-quarter extension to the support time limit (SUTL). Students who have exceeded SUTL and are still registered are granted a one-quarter extension of the total-registered time limit (TRTL). If the SUTL and TRTL coincide, both will be extended by one quarter. The Council notes that these extensions allow for additional time and eligibility for funding but do not per se provide additional or continued funding, as funding availability is not the purview of the Graduate Council.

The Council supports these measures to reduce the stress and anxiety felt by many of our doctoral students and their advisors, especially those impacted by the prohibitions for on-site research activities. When possible, The Council encourages graduate programs to support students in continuing to make progress toward their degree according to the original time limits especially given that funding may be limited.

The Graduate Division is currently working on implementing these extensions in an automatic manner such that individual petitions are not needed. Updates will be provided in the coming weeks.

We continue to appreciate the efforts from all programs to support our graduate students. If students have questions they should direct them to their graduate programs. Graduate programs, in turn, should feel welcome to contact Mary Lillis Allen at mallen@ucsd.edu if they have questions about this one-time time limit extension.

Sincerely,

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