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TO: GRADUATE DEPARTMENT CHAIRS AND PROGRAM DIRECTORS  
GRADUATE ADVISORS  
GRADUATE PROGRAM COORDINATORS

FR: JAMES ANTONY, Dean of The Graduate Division

SUBJ: Continuation of extended time-limit for doctoral students

Dear Program Leadership,

In recognition of the impact of the ongoing pandemic on research progress, the Graduate Council has approved additional extensions of time limits for doctoral students. The new extensions below are in addition to the 1-quarter extension of pre-candidacy time limit (PCTL), support time limit (SUTL), and/or total registered time limit (TRTL) that was granted in Spring 2020.

New extensions:

- Students who have not yet advanced to candidacy: As default, the PCTL will be extended *one additional quarter* and SUTL will be extended *two additional quarters*.
- Students who have advanced to candidacy and for whom SUTL has not expired: SUTL will be extended *three additional quarters*. If the SUTL and TRTL coincide, both SUTL and TRTL will be extended such that the SUTL is equivalent to the TRTL.
- Students who have advanced to candidacy and for whom SUTL has expired: TRTL will be extended *three additional quarters*.

The Graduate Division has applied these extensions for all affected students. We would greatly appreciate it if you would please alert your students to this additional extension. Also, any pending time limit requests submitted will not be reviewed given this blanket extension. Please let your faculty and students know that registration holds have been lifted for expiring time limits. If a student expected a time-limit extension but did not receive one, please complete this form: <https://forms.gle/ArzKGCcZVrBWeDjN8>

Please ensure that the students register for Winter Quarter 2021 by the deadline of Friday, Dec. 18.

As with the previous extension, The Graduate Division stresses the importance of graduate programs encouraging their students to continue to make progress toward their degree according to the original time limits. As a reminder, these extensions allow for additional time and eligibility for funding but do not per se provide additional or continued funding.

If you have questions, you may contact Mary Allen ([mallen@ucsd.edu](mailto:mallen@ucsd.edu)).