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SUBJ: GSGEI / NRST Reimbursement

In response to questions we have received regarding Non-Resident Supplemental Tuition (NRST) waiver and GSGEI eligibility extensions during the COVID-19 public health emergency, The Graduate Division would like to follow up on the May 22nd message with this update:

One-quarter Extension of GSGEI for Pre-Candidacy Students

The Graduate Division is monitoring academic progress for the approximately 60 remaining non-resident pre-candidacy doctoral or MFA students who ended their third year in Spring 2020, and have not since received their degree. We will continue to review their statuses throughout the summer and fall. It is our hope that these students will either advance to candidacy or graduate by the end of Summer 2020 and thus, benefit from the standard 3-year GSGEI commitment.

However, due to the ongoing COVID-19 public health emergency, there likely will be some students who are unable to advance/graduate by the end of Summer 2020 and instead, plan to advance/graduate in Fall 2020. In these special cases, we automatically will provide a one-time one-quarter allocation of GSGEI funds for this specific group of students advancing in Fall 2020. Please review the below list of eligible students and alert us immediately if a student who you expected to be included is not showing up on the list. Submit any missing student information via this form as soon as possible.

GRADUATE COORDINATORS AND DEPARTMENT BUSINESS OFFICERS—To see a list of students eligible for the GSGEI extension in your programs, use your UC San Diego Active Directory credential to log into this protected document: Students Eligible for COVID-19 GSGEI Allocation Extension
Advanced to Candidacy NRST Waiver Extension

All students who have advanced to candidacy qualify for an automatic NRST waiver period. However, we recognize that a student’s progress may have been impacted by the current pandemic such that they are unable to graduate within the 3-year period of the waiver, and an additional quarter is needed to complete their degree. The waiver period will not be extended on the student’s billing account directly; rather, on a case-by-case basis, The Graduate Division will consider requests for a one-quarter coverage of the NRST for doctoral students who reached the end of their three-year waiver period in Spring 2020, but have not yet graduated. All requests should briefly describe how the student’s academic progress has been adversely impacted by the ongoing COVID-19 public health emergency, why they are in need of the additional time to graduate, and how they plan to make progress towards completing their degree in Fall 2020. Academic departments/programs wishing to request NRST coverage for students who meet these criteria should complete this online request form: https://forms.gle/QzWW5Kum1Uq1MoAo6

Please be advised that according to our records, the academic department/programs listed in the document linked below currently enroll at least one doctoral student who, as of Spring 2020, has reached the end of the NRST waiver period.

GRADUATE COORDINATORS AND DEPARTMENT BUSINESS OFFICERS—To see a list of students eligible for the waiver extension in your programs, use your UC San Diego Active Directory credential to log into this protected document: Students Eligible for COVID-19 NRST Waiver Extension

If any student you expected to be included is not showing up on the list, please use this same form to report the omission and request the extension at the same time: https://forms.gle/QzWW5Kum1Uq1MoAo6

The Graduate Financial Support Unit (FSU) will enter the fee payments for these students, which will be charged to a Graduate Division project-task and reimbursed by the EVC (i.e., Departments will not see the charge to their project-tasks). Graduate coordinators will be able to view payments in the Financial Support Request Tool to verify eligible students have been covered.

Questions can be directed to Director of Graduate Student Financial Support, Tiffany Swiderski, at tswiderski@ucsd.edu.

From: Dean of the Graduate Division
Sent: Friday, May 22, 2020 6:11 PM
To: Dean of the Graduate Division <graduatedean@ucsd.edu>
Subject: GSGEI / NRST Waiver Update for Time-limit Extensions

May 22, 2020

TO: TOTAL CAMPUS DEANS
ASSISTANT DEANS
In response to questions we have received regarding the April 17 announcement of automatic extension of any looming time-limits for all graduate students, The Graduate Division would like to clarify the following:

**Funding for Non-Resident Student Tuition (NRST)**

*For students who are pre-candidacy:*

We understand that there is a potential funding gap between the end of the third-year non-resident supplemental tuition return (GSGEI) and the NSRT for the extended quarter.

The Graduate Division is monitoring student progress for the approximately 100 non-resident students who will end their third year in Spring 2020, and we will continue to review their candidacy status throughout the spring and into summer. It is our hope that these students will advance to candidacy by the end of summer, 2020 and thus, benefit from the standard 3-year GSGEI commitment. However, there may be some students who are unable to advance by the end of Summer 2020 and instead, plan to advance in Fall 2020. We will provide a one-time one-quarter allocation of GSGEI funds for this specific group of students who will advance in Fall 2020. Next week The Graduate Division will share with the Graduate Coordinators and MSOs the list of students that are expected to advance in SP20. We will request that the Graduate Coordinators and MSOs review the list for accuracy and contact Tiffany Swiderski (tswiderski@ucsd.edu) with any questions.

Even though the Graduate Council authorized a one-quarter PCTL extension for all doctoral students, we encourage departments to work with students who are at earlier stages of their academic careers so that they can advance to candidacy within the original 9-quarter time frame of GSGEI. At this time, we are not able to commit to providing further GSGEI allocations beyond covering those students mentioned above.

*For students who have advanced to candidacy, and are approaching the end of the NRST waiver provided by UCOP:*

As the three year limit is set at the systemwide level, we await further guidance from the Office of the President. Please stay tuned.

We appreciate hearing your concerns and will provide updates as soon as we receive them.