

[Gradcoords-I] Implementation of One Quarter Extension time limits for doctoral students

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TO: GRADUATE COORDINATORS

SUBJ: Implementation of extended time-limit for doctoral grad students

Dear Colleagues,

Per Graduate Council approval, the Graduate Division has implemented the one-quarter extension of time limits for all current doctoral students due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The campus student information system (ISIS) and the Graduate Division student database have been updated to reflect this change. The following students will be affected:

- Students who are pre-candidacy and have been registered for at least one quarter during the 2019-20 academic year are granted a one-quarter extension to their pre-candidacy time limit (PCTL);
- Students who have advanced to candidacy and have been registered for at least one quarter during the 2019-20 academic year are granted a one-quarter extension to their support time limit (SUTL). If the SUTL and TRTL coincide, both will be extended by one quarter.
- Students who have exceeded SUTL and are still registered are granted a one-quarter extension of the total-registered time limit (TRTL).

Of note: first year doctoral students will receive an additional quarter of their PCTL when all of their time limits are recorded at the end of the quarter.

Graduate Council's hope is that most students will not need to utilize the one-quarter extension, and instead be able to maintain steady progress towards their degrees despite the circumstances of COVID-19. Wherever possible, graduate programs should support their students in continuing 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. More information will be provided, as the funding implications of these extensions become clearer.

In addition to updating the student database, doctoral students' Annual Spring Evaluation form will also reflect this revision. We would greatly appreciate it if you would please alert your students to this additional extension. Please let your faculty and students know that registration holds will not be placed this quarter for expiring time limits; extension request letters to the Graduate Division are therefore not necessary.

We continue to appreciate the efforts from all programs to support our graduate students. If graduate program faculty and staff have questions about a specific student's time limit, please feel welcome to contact [me](#).

Sincerely,

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