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TO: GRADUATE and PROFESSIONAL STUDENTS

FR: JAMES ANTONY, Dean of The Graduate Division

SUBJ: Continuation of extended time-limit for doctoral students

Dear Graduate Students,

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 will receive a combination of time limit extensions such that there is one additional quarter to help prepare for the candidacy exam as well as two additional quarters of *eligibility* for financial support. In other words, 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*.

If you have questions about these extensions, please reach out to your program coordinator.

These time limits have been automatically applied to all affected students; no action is needed from you, other than to register for Winter Quarter, 2021, by the December 18th deadline.

As with the previous extension, The Graduate Division stresses the importance of students continuing to make progress toward your 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.

**James Antony**

Dean of The Graduate Division

