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Per UCOP Policy, doctoral students who have advanced to candidacy, and who are not eligible to establish California residency, are entitled to a 3-year (9-quarter) waiver of Non-Resident Supplemental Tuition (NRST). In the 10<sup>th</sup> quarter when the waiver ends, NRST may be assessed to some students depending on the funding source and residency status.

Additionally, UCSD has traditionally provided funds to departments for pre-candidacy doctoral students in the form of the Graduate Student Growth and Excellence Initiative (GSGEI), which returns a portion of the NRST to programs for the first three years of a doctoral student's enrollment.

In recognition of the ongoing impact of COVID-19 on students' degree progress, the coverage of NRST has now been extended by three additional quarters. As a result, **UCSD will now exclude four COVID-affected quarters (SP20, FA20, WI21, and SP21) from the calculation of 3-year eligibility for pre-candidacy GSGEI or from the calculation of 3-year eligibility for post-candidacy waiver of NRST.** Any students who have been matriculating in any of the four affected quarters who are eligible for, and may need, an extension of either of these benefits will receive them.

*Please keep this important caveat in mind:* students who have become eligible for California residency, but did not take action to update status with the Residence Deputy, will not be able to receive the above-described benefits. Those students must declare CA residency as soon as possible, and the [Residence Deputy](#) stands ready to assist (for more information, please see [Residence for Tuition Purposes](#)). **The deadline to update residency for Winter 2021 is Wednesday December 9, 2020.**

We will continue to assess the situation to determine if additional extensions are needed and possible.

**James Antony**

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