

Non-Resident Supplemental Tuition (NRST) Accommodations Due to COVID-19 FAQs

Certain international Ph.D. students in state-supported programs who meet eligibility criteria and were enrolled during “COVID-19 affected” quarters may be eligible for NRST accommodations.

Q: How do the COVID-19 related NRST accommodations work?

A: International Ph.D. students in state-supported programs who have advanced to candidacy and are in their NRST waiver period will have their waiver period extended by the number of “COVID-19 affected” quarters during which they were enrolled after advancing to candidacy.

International Ph.D. students in state-supported programs who advanced to candidacy before Fall 2020, were unable to complete their degree by Spring 2020 and paid NRST out of pocket during Fall 2020 will receive a refund for this quarter. They will also receive an NRST waiver for any future quarters deemed to be COVID-19 affected.

Q: Which quarters are considered to be during “COVID-19 affected”?

A: Spring 2020, Fall 2020, Winter 2021 and Spring 2021 are considered to be “COVID-19 affected” quarters.

Q: Does my eligibility for NRST accommodations depend on whether I am within normative time-to-degree?

A: No.

Q: I’m post-ATC and meet the other eligibility criteria. What do I need to do to receive an extension of my waiver period and/or a refund of my Fall 2020 NRST payments?

A: Nothing. Any applicable NRST accommodations will be automatically processed.

Q: What if I’m still pre-ATC but my ability to ATC during Fall 2020 was affected by COVID-19?

A: An exceptions process has been established to consider requests for refunding Winter 2021 NRST payments for international Ph.D. students who (i) are past normative time to ATC; (ii) paid Winter 2021 NRST out of pocket; and (iii) can provide a strong and detailed explanation – confirmed by their dissertation committee chair and graduate chair – for how COVID-19 prevented them from advancing to candidacy in Fall 2020.

Students who meet these criteria may fill out an exception request form [here](#).

This exceptions process may be continued in future quarters as needed.