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.

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