Thursday, June 11, 2020

Dear Graduate Student,

As announced on June 1, 2020, students whose program completion in 2020–2021 is unavoidably delayed because of COVID-related public health restrictions in the following ways may petition for a one-term extension in part-time registration status, cost-free, bearing no tuition or fee: their approved research project mandated in-person data collection/production; lab/studio space and related equipment or travel became inaccessible; and virtual access through electronic means could not provide an alternative.

Instructions and Additional Information

Eligibility Criteria:

Final term of program will occur in 2020–2021
Degree-approved research project mandated
  in-person data collection/production,
  access to lab/studio space and related equipment,
  or travel,
for which virtual access through electronic means could not provide an alternative.

Application Process and Documentation

- Access the petition form
- Indicate that this is a COVID-specific petition for an extension of program time limits.
- Be certain to include information on your program, current year level, and term of study.
- Petitions should be submitted at the beginning of your final term in your program of study. If you are uncertain about your current term or your program's time limit, please contact your Graduate Program Office.

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From the Office of the Dean, Faculty of Graduate Studies.
Click here if you are having trouble viewing this message.
Provide a brief rationale for eligibility according to the above-mentioned criteria.
Include a signed letter from your supervisor attesting to the circumstances explained.
Submit the completed petition and accompanying documentation to your Graduate Program Office for Graduate Program Director recommendation.

Your Graduate Program Office will forward the petition and documentation to the Faculty of Graduate Studies.

Adjudication Criteria

Petitions for COVID-specific Extensions of Program Time Limits will be adjudicated according to explanations of

- the design of the research project’s data collection/production;
- how the specified public health restrictions impacted mandatory elements of the project and
- why virtual access through electronic means could not provide an alternative.

Students who have been approved for a COVID-specific extension and who have no alternative funding source may apply to their home Faculties for a special extension bursary of up to $1,000/month, for up to 4 months. Further information about the bursary application process will be available through your home Faculty Dean’s Office and your Graduate Program Office.

Students will receive a link to apply for COVID financial support in the decision letter of approved petitions.

Sincerely,

Faculty of Graduate Studies