Date: February 3, 2021

To: Deans, Chairs, Head Graduate Advisors, Equity Advisors, Graduate Student Affairs Officers

From: Lisa García Bedolla, Vice Provost for Graduate Studies and Dean of the Graduate Division

Re: **Extension of Normative Time and Non-Resident Supplemental Tuition Waiver Eligibility**

In light of the unprecedented disruptions experienced by the campus community, the Graduate Division and Graduate Council have approved an additional blanket one-year extension of normative time (applied automatically) for doctoral students. The EVCP also has approved a two-semester extension of eligibility for non-residential supplemental tuition (NRST) waivers.

Extension of Normative Time
The Graduate Division will automatically apply the additional one-year extension of normative time for each doctoral student in SIS Campus Solutions during the Spring 2021 semester; this will bring the total COVID-19 normative time adjustment to two years. If students need this change made immediately, Graduate Student Affairs Officers (GSAOs) should contact their program's Academic Progress Advisor. International students should consult the Berkeley International Office regarding any changes to their degree plans.

Extension of Non-Resident Supplemental Tuition Waiver Eligibility
For students in candidacy or who advanced to candidacy during the semesters heavily impacted by COVID-19 (Spring 2020, Fall 2020, Spring 2021, or Fall 2021), these semesters will not count toward the student's three years of NRST waiver eligibility. Similar to previous terms, we will identify in advance students eligible for this extension and apply the waiver prior to the tuition and fee payment deadline. Students who do not see the waiver applied appropriately or who have questions about their eligibility for NRST waivers should contact their GSAO.

Thank you for your continued support of graduate students during this challenging time.

Sincerely,

Lisa García Bedolla
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