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Important graduate studies information for programs and units

REIMAGINE GRADUATE FUNDING UPDATE

As a follow up to the Reimagining Funding message from Dean Burshtyn sent out on February 15th, a few operational pieces to highlight for you as you are developing your departmental funding policies:

- We've updated our [FAQ pages](#) that are available online to include answers to the common questions we've been receiving, specifically about the 75th Anniversary Recruitment Scholarships. If you have additional questions that you need answered, please [let us know](#).
- Departmental funding policies are due on March 31, 2023. If questions arise as you develop these policies, or your department will be unable to meet this deadline, please contact marc.usunier@usask.ca as soon as possible and we can assist you in determining next steps/a way forward
- A Reimagining Funding update will be provided, with time for discussion, at the next CGPS Council Meeting, scheduled for March 23rd at 2:30pm in ARTS 241.

POLICY CHANGES

Policy 4.3 – Time in Program & Time Extensions was approved Jan 18th at CGPS Council. These changes will be **effective May 1, 2023** and will apply to all graduate students, regardless of their current year of study.

Summary of Changes:

- time in program for master's degrees change from *five years to four years* (doctoral programs remain unchanged at six years)
- *removal of:* stipulation that only one extension request is permitted per student (master's: up to 32 months/eight academic terms; doctoral: up to 36 months/nine academic terms)
- *replaced with:* academic unit has authority to approve one extension to time in program of up to 12 months/three academic terms for graduate students, and:
- if program requirements still incomplete by end of first extension, request may be submitted to the Dean of CGPS for one (master's, PGD) or two (doctoral) additional extensions of up to 12-months/three academic terms each
- employment no longer disqualified from being part of the rationale for requesting a time in program extension
- updating of language and clarity of procedures

Further details on operational changes at the academic unit level will be shared in a future Operational Bulletin.

SCHOLARSHIPS & AWARDS UPDATES

Heather Lukey, CGPS' Director of Scholarships and Awards, is on an extended leave. During this unusual time, our team is regrouping by adjusting operational reporting lines and redistributing responsibilities.

[Marc Usunier](#) is providing strategic leadership of the Awards and Scholarship portfolio including day-to-day management of the awards team in addition to his current Programs & Operations portfolio. Development of a backfill role to compliment the work of the awards team is underway.

General graduate awards and scholarship inquiries can be directed to the scholarships and awards team via email at grad.awards@usask.ca; contact information for awards officers can be found [here](#). For complex questions please contact Peggy Naughton, Senior Awards Officer via email at peggy.naughton@usask.ca. If you are unsure who to speak to please contact lori.lisitza@usask.ca and she will connect you with the right person.

IMPORTANT INFO

Iranian Applicant Information

Additional information regarding supports for Iranian applicants was posted on the [CGPS website](#) a few weeks ago. Highlights include:

- If a supervisor/program is interested in considering an individual's formal application and payment of the application fee is a barrier for the applicant, we can provide an application fee waiver.
- If an Iranian applicant is struggling to access English language proficiency testing, we can provide a Duolingo waiver code.
- If an Iranian applicant's referees are unable to submit reference letters online, we can work with the program to establish an alternative.
- If an Iranian applicant is admitted and is having difficulties in getting their current or former institutions to send official documents to CGPS, we can discuss alternative options with the admitting program.
- Training Resources

If you have any questions, please reach out to your CGPS Program Advisor or marc.usunier@usask.ca.

Online Training Resources

A reminder that there are a variety of [Banner training manuals online designed specifically for graduate program administrators](#). Please check them out!

CGPS Service Desk (JIRA) Reminder

Please be sure that you are not making any changes/edits to tickets after you have submitted. Even though some of you may have the appropriate access to make these changes, it adds additional complications on our end. If information in the original ticket

submission needs to be changed/updated, simply do so by adding a comment to the original ticket. Thanks!

3MT Preliminary Registration Deadline Extended

The 3MT challenges higher-degree research students to communicate a compelling oration on their thesis and its significance in just three minutes to an audience of non-specialists. In a new format to USask, the 3MT® communication challenge starts with the preliminary virtual competition March 13-17, 2023. Deadline to register is extended to March 10th. [Find out how to get your students involved here!](#)

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