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Per UCOP Policy, doctoral students who have advanced to candidacy, and who are not eligible to establish California residency, are entitled to a 3-year (9-quarter) waiver of Non-Resident Supplemental Tuition (NRST). In the 10th quarter when the waiver ends, NRST may be assessed to some students depending on the funding source and residency status.

Additionally, UCSD has traditionally provided funds to departments for pre-candidacy doctoral students in the form of the Graduate Student Growth and Excellence Initiative (GSGEI), which returns a portion of the NRST to programs for the first three years of a doctoral student's enrollment.

On August 21, 2020, we announced that SP20 students in their 9th quarter of candidacy would automatically receive one quarter of additional NRST coverage. Funds were also secured to extend one quarter of GSGEI to departments for pre-candidates who ran up against their candidacy deadline.

WE WRITE TODAY WITH AN UPDATE:

In recognition of the ongoing impact of COVID-19 on students' degree progress, the coverage of NRST has now been extended by three additional quarters. As a result, **UCSD will now exclude four COVID-affected quarters (SP20, FA20, WI21, and SP21) from the calculation of 3-year eligibility for pre-candidacy GSGEI or from the calculation of 3-year eligibility for post-candidacy waiver of NRST.** Any students who have been matriculating in any of the four affected quarters who are eligible for, and may need, an extension of either of these benefits will receive them.

Please keep this important caveat in mind: students who have become eligible for California

residency, but did not take action to update status with the Residence Deputy, will not be able to receive the above-described benefits. Those students must declare CA residency as soon as possible, and the [Residence Deputy](#) stands ready to assist (for more information, please see [Residence for Tuition Purposes](#)). **The deadline to update residency for Winter 2021 is Wednesday December 9, 2020.**

We will post additional details about how the coverage will be processed on The Graduate Division's Campus Partners Collab site (<https://collab.ucsd.edu/x/k9eWBg>).

We will continue to assess the situation to determine if additional extensions are needed and possible.

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