
COVID-19 EXTENSION GUIDE

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A. Eligibility

Candidates enrolled in a Research Training Place (RTP) only who have been materially adversely impacted by COVID-19, may be eligible to apply for an extension to candidature, based upon the following provisions:

- (1) Eligibility is limited to students that were either enrolled in a course of study:
 - a) as at 1 March 2020; or
 - b) prior to 1 March 2020 and on a suspension or leave of absence as at 1 March 2020.
- (2) All extensions must be approved by the Institute (in which the candidate is enrolled) no later than 31 December 2022
- (3) The Institute will inform you in writing of the approval of an extension and the period of the extension
- (4) A maximum period of up to six months applies to candidates undertaking either full-time candidate load or part-time candidate load.

B. Impact of progress and/or quality research

- social distancing guidelines on research
- limitations on access to specialist research training, infrastructure or research data
- mental health and well-being (medically supported)
- caring responsibilities for dependents, particularly home schooling responsibilities as a consequence of COVID-19

C. Statement of materially adversely impact

If you believe you meet the eligibility provisions, you are required to include a statement titled 'COVID-Extension' with your application for extension (late submission), outlining the impact that COVID-19 has had on your course of study, including the period for which your progress was impacted.

D. Application closing date

11.59pm Sunday 20 November 2022

Lodge your application* and statement to gradresearch@vu.edu.au

* if you are applying via your Towards Submission Candidature Milestone presentation, you must include the Statement of materially adversely impact with your application in order to be considered for this extension.

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