

Applications for prolongation of PhD student position due to the Corona pandemic

Scope:

All PhD students have the right to 48 months (100%) study time, during which they should have access to supervision and resources/infrastructure. Students, who because of the pandemic have had considerable (at least equivalent to a delay of one month) setbacks in their access to resources/infrastructure/material/etc. can apply for a prolongation. Note that all individual study plans should be revised on a regular basis and adapted to changes in conditions, but that the pandemic probably in some cases has led to extensive adaptations and restructuring that cannot be encompassed with normal measures. DBB will receive applications and then (after consideration) apply on behalf of the students for extensions from the dean of the faculty. These prolongations will be financed by the department and do not interfere with the possibility for supervisors to employ PhD students as project assistants when their PhD employment time runs out.

Note that this call refers only to delays to the PhD studies and not to problems/changes relating to teaching duties, nor does it concern sick leave or special compensation for people in risk groups.

Who can apply:

All PhD students who at 200301 (start of pandemic) were employed on a PhD student position (and who have not yet graduated). Also students accepted after this time can apply, but at a later time (see below).

When to apply

Ph D students who by 210301 have one year or less remaining of their PhD time should apply as soon as possible. Note that this is a 'rolling call' such that students with more time remaining should apply when they have one year or less time remaining.

What should the application contain:

The application for prolongation should be addressed to the head of department and the study director of PhD studies, be signed by both the student and his/her supervisor and contain the following:

- a) The Covid attachment to the Annual Evaluation submitted in January.
- b) A detailed and specific description of how much time is estimated to have been 'lost' in adapting to the new circumstances and why.
- c) A description of what measures were taken to adapt to/mitigate the problems and what work was carried out during the time that was affected.
- d) A plan explaining what requirements the student has yet to fulfill in order to graduate, and how an extension will be used to this end.