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Subject: Funded extensions for final-year UKRI-funded PhD students

Dear Research Students,

Those of you who are final-year PhD students funded by EPSRC training grants will be interested to hear this evenings very welcome news from UKRI regarding funded 6-month extensions. Please refer to their latest news briefing:

<https://www.ukri.org/news/government-announces-support-for-phd-students-as-a-result-of-coronavirus-disruption/>

Please also read the more detailed FAQs which explains student eligibility more specifically <https://www.ukri.org/files/funding/q-a-for-phd-students/>

For those PhD students not covered by this announcement, and who may also be concerned about financial support, please refer to my email of 6th April, on the subject of "*Covid-19 Student Financial Support Announcement*".

In that email I explained that the University had announced financial support for students who are experiencing financial difficulties as a result of Covid-19. This represents hardship funding the University receives from the government and university funds, and which can be used to cover any exceptional costs students may have incurred in relation to accommodation, subsistence, and travel.

The University has streamlined its current discretionary form to ensure a swift review and response can be provided to students. We have also created bands of financial support so we can spread the funds as far as possible while offering a quick source of support. The financial support is available to matriculated UG, PGT, PGR students across fee statuses. Exceptionally, we will make these funds available to those who graduate this summer and as so you may apply at any time between now and 31st of July 2020.

You can access the form and details here <https://www.ed.ac.uk/student-funding/financial-support/additional-financial-assistance/covid-19>. All forms and inquiries should be submitted to studentfunding@ed.ac.uk. As the new process starts they will post processing times. To manage the volume the Scholarship and Student Funding Team will be supported by colleagues from Student Systems and Administration.

With best wishes,

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