Fellowship Deferral Policy for Graduate Center Fellows, Provost’s Enhancement Fellows, Presidential MAGNET Fellows, Humanities Fellows, Mathematics Fellows, Neuroscience Fellows, CUNY Science Scholars, and Five-Year Tuition Fellows

(Effective Fall 2018)

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1. After their first year, students on Graduate Center Fellowships (GCF), Provost’s Enhancement Fellowships (PE), Presidential MAGNET Fellowships, and Mathematics Fellowships (MF) who take a leave of absence from the Graduate Center may defer a maximum of two semester of their fellowships (tuition, financial aid fellowship, benefits and services) to a sixth year. Students on Five-Year Tuition Fellowships (TF) may defer their tuition award for up to two semesters.

2. After their first year, students on Humanities Fellowships (HF) who take a leave of absence from the Graduate Center may defer a maximum of two semesters of their fellowships (tuition, financial aid fellowship, benefits and services) to a sixth year. The HF may be deferred only for medical or other compelling reasons and must have the approval of the student’s Executive Officer and the Provost’s Office.

3. After their first year, students on Neuroscience Fellowships (NF) and CUNY Science Scholars (CSS) who take a leave of absence from the Graduate Center may defer a maximum of two semesters of their fellowships (tuition, financial aid fellowship, benefits and service) to a sixth year. The NF or CSS may be deferred only for medical reasons or to conduct research in an off-campus setting and must have the approval of the program’s Executive Office and the student's Research Mentor.

4. Students holding Science Fellowships and students who are offered alternate CUNY funding should contact the Provost’s Office for more information (aellis@gc.cuny.edu and rmaldonado@gc.cuny.edu).

The deferral assumes that the student is also on a Leave of Absence from the GC during the semester(s) of deferment. There are separate administrative processes and guidelines for taking a leave of absence. For more information contact the Registrar’s Office.

Students must submit the Request for Fellowship Deferment Form at least one month before the beginning of the semester they want to begin the deferral. Fellowship deferments cannot be applied retroactively.