

18th November 2020

Dear Research Students and Supervisors

I hope you all remain safe and well.

I am delighted to announce that Technological University Dublin has received funding from the Department of Further, Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science (D/ FHERIS) to assist in the provision of costed extensions to research activities that were live as of 12 March 2020. The purpose of this allocation is to support research students who are at serious risk of not completing their study and, in doing so, to protect Ireland's national research and innovation system as best possible and to protect Exchequer investments made to date and future research funder budgets.

The funding is solely for the provision of costed extensions to non-privately funded research activity and all other avenues to complete the activities must have been exhausted. This call is restricted to research students due to complete on or before 30th June 2021. Subject to funding availability, a later call may include projects outside these dates.

Applications, using the form available at

https://forms.office.com/Pages/DesignPage.aspx#FormId=yxdjdkjpX06M7Nq8ji_V2vzd7EfvNpFIk4NZep7ckjdUQVY2WTZOSUyMTdOMU8xV1pCSUIRUVhMVC4u&Token=fb08b889a1274c1fa936e9a2eca99938
must be submitted by 12 noon Thursday 3rd December 2020.

A similar application process will be developed in the coming weeks for research students who wish to avail of a no-cost extension and who require an extension of time to complete submission of their thesis.

In closing, please keep yourselves, family and friends safe and well. Please please remember:

- Keep working within both the letter and spirit of the Government Covid-19 guidelines
- Stay at home and exercise within 5 kilometres of home.
- Continue to work from home.
- And there are to be no face-to-face meetings, without exception.

Regards

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