

DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE GRADUATE PROGRAM

Approved by Graduate Studies Committee in April 2018

Deferred Funding Policy (Effective Academic Year 2018-2019)

Students who receive an offer for admission with guaranteed multi-year funding (e.g., for 3 years) must normally use their funding for the term of the offer within their first consecutive years of study.

Students who receive external or internal (via UMass Graduate School) funding through grants or fellowship awards may request (petition*) a deferral of their guaranteed funding for the upcoming academic year. If approved, the original admissions funding offer will be extended for one academic year past the term of the initial funding offer.

Students who accept assistantships from other departments or within the Five College consortium are not eligible to defer funding offers and will forfeit their funding for the semester(s) of the alternate appointment.

Requests to defer guaranteed funding are normally only granted once in the student's graduate career, unless deferral of funding is included in the initial admissions offer to the student.

** Petitions for exceptions to the graduate program rules are reviewed by the Graduate Program Director and the Graduate Studies Committee, and when necessary, the relevant field clerk(s).*