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SUMMARY OF CONTINUATION AND ACADEMIC YEAR FUNDING RULES

These Departmental rules are in addition to general Graduate School requirements on good academic standing and the need to maintain a B average. In addition Teaching Assistantships require students to have met the Graduate School's English-language requirements by July 31.

Entry Into	Continuation	Academic Year Funding (See text for Summer Quarter Funding Rules)
Second Year	Demonstrated competence in the three core areas: microeconomics, macroeconomics and econometrics	Demonstrated competence in the three core areas: microeconomics, macroeconomics and econometrics. Funding is as a TA.
Third Year		Certification of one Economics 501 paper by July 31. Funding is as a TA.
Fourth Year		Thesis Prospectus by August 31 (Successful thesis proposal defense, plus completion of all course work and field papers). Funding is as a TA.*
Fifth Year	Thesis Prospectus by end of Spring Quarter of Fourth Year (deadline of the end of the Fall Quarter of fourth year plus two quarters of probation)	<p>Certification by Committee Chair by July 31 that the student has a written paper of suitable quality to form one chapter of a dissertation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ If the Committee Chair also certifies that the student intends to be on the job market, funding is in the form of a Fellowship in Fall and Winter Quarters, and TA funding for Spring Quarter. ▪ If the student has a satisfactory paper but is not going on the market, funding as a TA is not guaranteed and is only available if there are any funds remaining.* <p><i>Fifth years without a satisfactory paper are generally not funded.</i></p>
Sixth Year	Certification by Committee Chair by July 31 of "good progress" on dissertation.@	<p>Certification by Committee Chair that the student intends to be on the job market then funding is in the form of a Fellowship in Fall and Winter Quarters, and TA funding for Spring Quarter.#</p> <p><i>Non-job-market sixth years are generally not funded</i></p>
7+ Years	Certification by Committee Chair by July 31 of "good progress" on dissertation required each year.@	<i>Students in years 7 and above are generally not funded, and are not eligible for Dissertation Year Fellowship funding</i>

* Students in years 4 and 5 can convert their Spring Quarter TA funding to a Fellowship in the year before they go on the job market.

Students cannot receive more than three quarters of Dissertation Year Fellowship funding.

@ Students failing to demonstrate "good progress" will be placed on probation, and have two quarters to resume satisfactory progress.