

## Criteria for Consideration of the Period of Covid-19 Impact Funding

| Impact extent | Length of funded award  | Example reasons (these are for guidance only and not exhaustive)   |
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| <b>A</b>      | <b>No extension</b><br><br><i>no significant impact</i>                       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Student able to progress project without significant hindrance;</li> <li>• Student had completed data gathering and was writing-up at the time of lockdown;</li> <li>• No significant well-being impacts (physical and mental health, caring responsibilities, etc) due to Covid-19.</li> <li>• Student has funding from another source/sponsor.</li> </ul>   |
| <b>B</b>      | <b>1, 2, 3 or 4 weeks</b><br><br><i>limited impact</i>                        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Student needed access to university / NHS facilities and University closure/capacity restrictions impacted on progress;</li> <li>• Accommodating new plans due to thesis changes as a direct result of Covid-19;</li> <li>• General / minor well-being impacts (physical and mental health) due to Covid-19;</li> <li>• Inability to access support as quickly and regularly as normal from supervisory team;</li> <li>• Issues accessing external research institutions/repositories/travel for research;</li> <li>• Difficulties establishing working from home (e.g. access to laptop/IT/quiet working environment);</li> <li>• Limited work undertaken in support of the National Covid-19 effort in the absence of interruption of studies.</li> </ul> |
| <b>C</b>      | <b>5, 6, 7 or 8 weeks</b><br><br><i>significant impact</i>                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Student needed access to university /NHS facilities and University closure/capacity restrictions impacted progress;</li> <li>• Accommodating new plans due to thesis changes as a direct result of Covid-19;</li> <li>• Issues accessing external research institutions/repositories/travel for research;</li> <li>• Relatively significant wellbeing impacts (physical or mental health, bereavement);</li> <li>• Caring responsibilities (e.g. children or vulnerable groups);</li> <li>• Significant work undertaken in support of the National Covid-19 effort in the absence of interruption of studies.</li> </ul>  |
| <b>D</b>      | <b>9, 10, 11 or 12 weeks</b><br><br><i>major impact</i>                       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Unable to complete research/data gathering as planned as a result of Covid-19, and alternative plan not possible or involves significant delay;</li> <li>• Very significant well-being impacts (physical or mental health, bereavement);</li> <li>• Significant and/or full-time caring responsibilities (e.g. children or vulnerable groups);</li> <li>• Major work undertaken in support of the National Covid-19 effort in the absence of interruption of studies.</li> </ul>  |
| <b>E</b>      | <b>Longer than 12 weeks (up to 26 weeks)</b><br><br><i>exceptional impact</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Applications for funding for longer than 12 weeks will be considered in cases where a student has made limited progress towards their degree, as a consequence of Covid-19, for longer than 12 weeks. Such applications should contain a plan (e.g. Gantt chart) indicating a realistic timeline for completion and submission of a thesis and an indication of how the work will be adjusted to achieve submission by the submission deadline.</li> </ul>  |