

DISE ABDUL Awards Policy Statement

Students who have successfully defended their PhD Candidacy Papers (formerly called comprehensive examinations) – and are therefore “All But Dissertation” – by the end of August of their second year will receive a one-time payment of \$2,000. PhD students enrolled in the Language Acquisition Option or the Gender and Women’s Studies Option are granted a term’s extension (until the end of December). Under exceptional circumstances, an extension can be granted (eg. supervisor departure, defense scheduling complications, and/or student illness). However, students need to apply for an extension to the PhD Graduate Program Director by August 1st of their second year. *Students experiencing difficulty for family, health, or other reasons are strongly encouraged to apply for a leave from the program in order to “stop the clock” rather than apply for an extension.*

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