

NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY -- DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS

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.

These rules apply to students admitted with a University Fellowship in the First Year. Other students should consult their offer letter.

ENTRY INTO	CONTINUATION	ACADEMIC YEAR FUNDING <i>(See separate listing for Summer Quarter funding rules)</i>
SECOND YEAR	Passed two prelims by September sitting <i>or</i> received "good grades" (no B- or lower) in first year core classes in Economics.	<p>Full year TAships will be awarded in August to those passing two or more prelims at the June sitting.</p> <p>Students passing zero or one prelims in June but have "good grades" will receive a TAship for the Fall Quarter. This will be extended to Winter and Spring if a total of two or more prelims are passed by the September sitting.</p> <p><i>Students who pass zero or one prelims but do not have "good grades" have to wait until September to learn about funding. If they pass a total of two or more prelims in September, funding will only be available if there are any funds remaining.</i></p>
THIRD YEAR	Passed all prelims by September sitting (note students can only take the September sitting if they have completed 2 prelims by the June sitting <i>and</i> written one Economics 501 paper).	Passing of all prelims by the June sitting and certification of one Economics 501 paper by July 31. <i>Students who only complete their prelims at the September sitting, will only be funded if there are any funds remaining.</i>
FOURTH YEAR		Thesis Prospectus by August 31 (Successful thesis proposal defense, plus completion of all course work and field papers). Students going on the job market in their fifth year will be offered a Fellowship rather than a TAship in the Spring Quarter.*
FIFTH YEAR	Thesis Prospectus (Graduate School rule)	Certification by Committee Chair by July 31 that the students intends to be on the job market will secure Fellowship funding in Fall and Winter Quarters, and TA funding for Spring Quarter.* <i>Other students will only be funded if there are any funds remaining.</i>
6+ YEARS		<i>Students will only be funded if there are any funds remaining.</i>

* students may elect to postpone dissertation year funding by twelve months, but cannot receive more that three quarters of Fellowship funding. This funding is not available to students on the job market in the seventh year or beyond.