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Memorandum: Temporary Cumulative Examination Policies for PhD Students in the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry

For PhD student entering Fall 2020 and Fall 2021, the following changes to policies in the Green Book have been implemented. PhD students entering in other years are unaffected by these policies.

PhD students entering Fall 2020:
Due to the especially challenging circumstances of COVID-19 in Summer and Fall 2020, Fall 2020 cumes were cancelled by all three divisions for PhD students entering Fall 2020. Cume requirements for this cohort were updated as follows:

Biochem: normal 4 cume requirement reduced to 3, all else identical to Green Book
Pchem: normal 4 cume requirement reduced to 3, all else identical to Green Book
OIM: normal 5 cume requirement reduced to 4, all else identical to Green Book (note: 3 needed to advance to candidacy)

For all divisions, the usual policies regarding substituting a submitted NSF GRFP application (or similar) or Broader Impacts cume for a regular cume are still in place for this cohort.

PhD students entering Fall 2021:
Fall cumes were cancelled by Biochem and OIM. PChem offered a Fall cume. Cume requirements for this cohort were updated as follows:

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