

MSW Program Policy on Admission Deferment

The School may consider requests to defer admission for up to one academic year on a case-by-case basis, subject to the following criteria:

Eligibility

- The student must have formally accepted an offer of admission.
- The request must be based on serious and documented extenuating circumstances, such as:
 - Medical or mental health issues affecting the student or an immediate family member
 - Significant personal or family emergencies
 - Immigration or visa delays beyond the student's control

Process

The request must be submitted in writing to the Dean's Office, with relevant supporting documentation.

The School's Graduate Programs Office must confirm that it can accommodate the deferral in the requested term.

Final decisions will be made by the Dean or designate, in consultation with the School's Graduate Programs Office where needed.

Conditions

Deferrals will normally be granted for one academic year only (e.g., Fall 2025 to Fall 2026).

Funding packages and supervisor arrangements may be subject to review and confirmation for the deferred term.

Once a deferral is granted, the student may not apply to another program within or outside the university for the same term.

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