Who is eligible? ALL tenure-track faculty who began their position after April 1, 2020.

What does it mean to opt out?

- Faculty who opt out will not use the one-year automatic extension to their probationary period for COVID-19-related reasons.

When do faculty have to decide whether or not to opt-out?

Any decision to opt out must be made by April 1, 2021. Note that this does not supersede deadlines set by your school, so, for example, if you are on a short clock and materials for your review are due April 1, 2021 you must either decide to not opt out of the extension or you must submit your materials by that date.

These decisions will be final in the sense that any adjustments to the tenure clock after April 1, 2021 must be made through the university’s standard process for such requests.

How do faculty opt-out?

Faculty who wish to opt out should complete the COVID-19 Automatic Extension to Tenure Clock Opt Out Form which will be circulated to the respective department chair (if applicable), Dean and the Provost. More details can be found on the Provost Office website under Academic Personnel Polices.

Who should faculty contact with questions?

Faculty with questions about whether to opt in or not are advised to contact their department chair, dean (or designee) and/or appointment, promotion and tenure Committee Chair.

Please contact Tonette Krousel-Wood (Health Sciences) or Ana M. López (all other schools) in the Office of Academic Affairs and Provost with questions about process.