Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

1. Who is eligible to apply for an extension?
   • Any pre-tenure faculty member for whom the tenure review process has not yet begun is eligible.

2. Is there a deadline to apply?
   • Yes. You must apply by December 1, 2020.

3. I want to continue on schedule with a tenure review in the fall of 2020, but I am worried that my department may have trouble collecting materials—such as peer teaching evaluations—as a result of the pandemic. Will this count against me?
   • No. Departments should prepare for this possibility, and remain flexible. The faculty member and/or department should consult with the Office for Faculty if they anticipate that the pandemic will have a significant impact on the department’s capacity to collect all required materials.

4. Will tenure standards remain the same?
   • Yes. If the pandemic causes, for example, a temporary dip in research quantity or lower course evaluation numbers for the spring of 2020, each level of review should consider these temporary changes in the context of the pandemic. However, the university expectations for tenure remain in place (see University Policy 6-303). Similarly, the tenure standards as articulated in each unit’s RPT statement remain in place.