

**Message to Faculty Concerning Optional Tenure Clock Extension
due to COVID-19 (Summer 2020)**
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Yeshiva University recognizes that tenure-track faculty are facing a tremendous challenge during this historic period of disruption and fear occasioned by the COVID-19 health crisis. Opportunities for research and scholarship have been disrupted, while conferences and professional meetings have been either cancelled or delayed. The pressures on tenure-track faculty are enormous as they try to maintain their progress toward tenure.

Accordingly, the University is offering current tenure-track faculty, as well as newly-hired incoming faculty for the 2020-2021 academic year, the option of extending their tenure clock for either one or two years. **This option is entirely voluntary.** It is only available for these faculty, and is not available for faculty hired after the 2020-2021 academic year.

Tenure-track faculty members may exercise this option by written notice to the Provost's Office at any time **prior** to the commencement of the Spring semester before the academic year in which the tenure evaluation occurs - which usually is the Spring semester of the fifth year while the fifth year while the fifth or sixth year.