

Council of Graduate Schools April 15 Resolution Frequently Asked Questions

- *Can a program establish a deadline for acceptance of an offer of admission to a graduate program before April 15, if there is no offer of financial support? Is this a violation of the April 15 Resolution?*

Yes, an admission offer deadline is permissible, if there is no offer of financial support. The April 15 Resolution only applies to offers of financial support.

- *If an offer of acceptance and financial support requires acceptance before April 15 for the Fall term by a signatory institution, what should an applicant or another program that has also extended an offer of admission to the applicant do?*

Inform your graduate advisor and the Dean's office of your graduate school about the early deadline. Send them a copy of the offer letter. Graduate deans are encouraged to communicate with the non-compliant university's graduate dean directly to inform them of the violation. The dean at the offending university will address the problem with the department in violation of the resolution. NOTE: if the university is not a signatory to the April 15 Resolution, it is not in violation.

- *Where can a list of the institutions that adhere to the April 15 Resolution be found?*

<http://cgsnet.org/april-15-resolution>

- *Does the April 15 deadline apply to summer admissions and funding?*

No, the April 15 Resolution applies to offers of financial support for academic year offers beginning in Fall term only.

- *What is the process by which institutions sign on to the April resolution?*

The Resolution is renewed every five years. It was last renewed in October 2014 and will be renewed again in October 2019. Prior to renewal, CGS surveys member institutions to determine how many support the continuance of the resolution and whether the April 15 date is optimal for the majority of institutions. Upon board review of the survey data and approval, the resolution is then sent to institutions with a request to reaffirm their signatory status. An updated list of signatory institutions is included in the current resolution http://cgsnet.org/ckfinder/userfiles/files/CGSResolution_Jan2017.pdf.

- *How are faculty and admissions staff informed of the April resolution?*

Each year, the Graduate School in each institution should distribute information about the April 15 Resolution, to make faculty, directors of graduate programs, and other interested members of their academic community aware of the goals and provisions of the resolution. Alternatively, interested parties can go to the CGS website to obtain more information: <http://cgsnet.org/april-15-resolution>.

- *What if April 15 falls on a weekend?*

Acceptances received by end of day April 15 should be honored, even if the university cannot process these acceptances until the following Monday. For example, in 2018, April 15 falls on a Sunday.

- *What time on April 15 is the deadline?*

The deadline should be 11:59 pm of April 15 in the time zone of the school offering financial support.