

## Delaying Electronic Publication of a Thesis or Dissertation

In some circumstances, a student may wish to delay the electronic publication of a thesis or dissertation. While the University generally promotes the timely publication of theses and dissertations, it is recognized that under certain specific circumstances, a delay is warranted. These include: when the student wishes to publish an article from the thesis or dissertation in a journal whose policy is not to publish anything that has already been published electronically; when the student wishes to publish the thesis or dissertation with a publisher whose policy is not to publish anything that has already been published electronically and; when the student is in the process of applying for a patent on research contained in the thesis or dissertation and does not wish to disclose its contents until the patent application has been filed.

Graduate students can apply to the Graduate School for a delay in the electronic publication of a thesis or dissertation for up to a five year period (renewable). Requests must be supported by evidence from the journal or publisher to show that publication policy requires no previous electronic publication. (For the NEOMFA program in creative writing, the advisor's endorsement is sufficient.) Evidence of intent to file patent materials is also required. The request for delay form must be signed by the student's thesis or dissertation advisor. The request will be reviewed by the Graduate School before it is granted. Extensions may be requested with appropriate documentation.

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Reason for requesting delay: \_\_\_ Patent Pending (signature of UA patent officer required)

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_ Publisher Policy or NEOMFA in creative writing  
(policy of journal or publisher must be attached if not NEOMFA)

Desired Delay End Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ (no greater than five years)  
(Renewal requests are the responsibility of the student. They will not be made automatically)

**The delay of publication request and the time of the delay period are appropriate.**

Advisor Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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