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Subject: New Matching Program for Individual External Graduate Fellowships

UCLA Graduate Division

To: Deans, Department Chairs, Directors, and Faculty

External fellowships provide valuable support to UCLA graduate students. The process of applying for funding is an important skill for a student to develop, and receiving a fellowship represents a significant academic achievement that can have a very positive impact on a student's trajectory in graduate school and beyond. Our academic programs and UCLA as an institution also gain prestige when our students are selected as awardees.

To encourage more students to apply for external fellowships, and to encourage departments to support students' success in these efforts, the Graduate Division has implemented a matching program. This program applies to eligible fellowships whose award cycle commenced in the 2014-15 academic year and thereafter. The basic idea is that the Graduate Division will partner 50-50 with the student's department (or IDP) to cover the difference between UCLA's cost of education (tuition, nonresident supplemental tuition, and campus fees) and the amount provided by the non-UCLA funding source for those costs. The following link

<https://jasmine.gdnet.ucla.edu/gss/library/deptmnlgrdfnd1516.pdf> provides more details on the program and a list of fellowships that qualify for matching funds (Note: this link only works from computers on campus and for those users off-campus connecting through the BOL proxy server <https://www.bol.ucla.edu/services/proxy/>).

I urge all faculty and academic support staff to encourage graduate students to apply for extramural fellowships. We can support our students' success by routinely sharing information about funding opportunities, and by offering workshops and individual coaching on how to prepare successful applications. Faculty and peer mentoring can really boost success rates.

You and your students may also want to take advantage of these resources: Graduate and Postdoctoral Extramural Support (GRAPES) searchable database:

<https://grad.ucla.edu/asis/grapes/search.asp>

UCLA Graduate Writing Center resources for writing fellowship applications and grant proposals:

<http://gsrc.ucla.edu/gwc/resources/writing-fellowships-and-grant-proposals.html>

UCLA Graduate Writing Center workshops:

<http://gsrc.ucla.edu/gwc/workshops/>

If you have questions about the matching program, or would like to know whether a fellowship that is not on the published list would qualify for the matching program, please contact Ana Lebon, Director of Fellowships and Financial Services in the Graduate Division, at alebon@grad.ucla.edu or (310) 206-4309.

With thanks and best regards,

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