



Fellowships and Financial Services 101

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Graduate Division Mission Statement

Collaboration, innovation, efficiency, and fairness: these qualities, combined with the power of ideas and inquiry, define the UCLA Graduate Division. We provide resources and essential services to graduate students, postdoctoral and visiting scholars, departments and faculty, fostering their success. Through our technology and expertise, we support and advance admissions, outreach, funding, and institutional research. We are faithful to the policies of the Graduate Council and Academic Senate, administering them with objectivity, flexibility and care. We elevate scholarship and the UCLA experience by championing diversity. The Graduate Division supports the students and scholars who make transformative discoveries that impact the world.



Values

- Context
- Consistency
- Collaboration



Services

- Advisory
- Advocacy
- Administration
- Audit



Advisory

- Policy analysis
- Procedures
- Problem solving
- Best practice



Advocacy

- Student
- Department
- Campus committees
- Central Campus Offices



Administration

- Fellowship – nomination, disbursement, analysis, reporting
- Human Resources – policy, remissions, compliance, dispute resolution
- Student Case Management



Audits

- Fellowships
- Employment
- Document Submission
- Financial



FFS Intersections of Cross Collaborations

- Financial
- Academic
- Human Resource
- Student Systems



Fellowship Lifecycle

- Identification
- Application consultation
- Review/Notification
- Funding
- Reconciliation/Reporting



Fellowship Funding Pools

- Graduate Division
- Departmental
- Extramural



Responsibilities Not in the FFS Title

- Graduate Student Employment
- Mediation
- Exceptions to Policy
- Training
- Automation



Town Hall Questions for FFS

Do we know if registration fees and fee remission balance will change for 2014-2015? If so when will we know?



Town Hall Questions for FFS

Do you anticipate that Dean Garrell will be allocating departments additional unrestricted this summer as she has done the past few years?



Town Hall Questions for FFS

Do you have any timeline for when the new fees will be published for fall 2014-2015?



Town Hall Questions for FFS

Do you know why there was a change in not allowing GSRM holders to work or have a FLAS or other fellowship?



Town Hall Questions for FFS

Is there any way to work with the Registrar's Office and Academic Services to better note students who are in semester courses (like Law) or doing Intercampus Exchange so they are given credit for all the units they are in and remissions aren't threatened?



Town Hall Questions for FFS

In the Department Manual for Processing GD Funding, if a prospective graduate student is studying or lives outside of the US, GD will only reimburse roundtrip travel from the US entry point to UCLA. However, I have had students find significantly cheaper flights from their international home destination directly to UCLA compared to traveling to a US entry point then UCLA. My department received an exception in this regard in the past, but is there a way to make it part of policy? If not, will exceptions continue to be considered in the future?



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Over the past year, the Graduate Division has been less likely to approve 50% TA positions, for instance, for students on fellowship. Is there ever a case where this exception is approved?