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TO: Deans, Chairs, and Administrative Officers

RE: Announcing the 2012-13 Graduate Dean’s Scholar Award (replacing Chancellor’s Prize program)

I write to announce a new graduate student support program for academic year 2012-2013: the Graduate Dean’s Scholar Award. The goal of this program is to enhance UCLA’s success in recruiting the most highly qualified doctoral students.

This award program replaces the Chancellor’s Prize program that the Graduate Division has sponsored for the past six years. The Chancellor’s Prize provided a $10,000 supplement to highly recruited students who were offered three-year support packages from their departments. Based on discussions with department chairs this past fall, we have modified the program by increasing the award amount to $14,500, lowering the departmental match from three years of support to two, and renamed the award.

The $14,500 award will be paid in three installments: $2,500 when the new student enters in Fall 2012 and $6,000 for the summers following the student’s first and second years at UCLA. The department’s offer to the applicant must include a commitment of at least two years of support at a minimum level of $21,000, plus the full cost of tuition, student services fees, and non-resident supplemental tuition (if applicable) per year.

As with the Chancellor’s Prize, departments will be allocated a fixed number of Graduate Dean’s Scholar Awards based on the number of new doctoral students who enrolled/registered in the Fall. Because the award amount has increased, the number of slots per department has decreased in many cases.

The specific number of Graduate Dean's Scholar Awards for 2012-13 that your department has been allocated can be viewed on the Graduate Division Intranet (jasmine – http://jasmine.gdnet.ucla.edu) at the “Student Support Allocations” link in the Dean’s Office section. More information on the Graduate Dean’s Scholar Award can be found at http://jasmine.gdnet.ucla.edu/special/library/gdsainfo.pdf.

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With best wishes,

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