Defers, Directors, Department Chairs, and Faculty

Dear Colleagues,

I write to remind you that the Graduate Division provides matching funds for US-based pre-doctoral training grants and institutional awards to faculty teams, and also for extramural fellowships that are awarded directly to graduate students. The purpose is to encourage submission of training grant proposals and fellowship applications, and to amplify the impact of these awards.

Matching funds for US-based training grants
To be eligible for matching funds, the training grant must involve multiple faculty and provide funding that is awarded competitively to graduate student candidates. Award types that are eligible include NIH T32 pre-doctoral awards, NSF NRT and NSF Innovations in Graduate Education (IGE) and Research Traineeship (NRT) awards, Department of Education Graduate Assistance in Areas of National Need (GAANN) awards, Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) awards, and some Mellon Foundation grants. Please contact me if you have questions about other grants that might be eligible.

We are currently matching up to 15% of the amount awarded by the external agency designated for student support. For this purpose, student support encompasses academic year and summer stipends (fellowships), tuition and fees. The matching funds may be used to support additional trainees, to defray the cost of in-state tuition/fees not covered by the training grant, or to top-off trainee stipends in the academic year or summer.

To request an institutional letter of support from the Graduate Division to include with your proposal submission, please e-mail me, ideally at least three weeks before the grant application deadline.

To request matching funds for newly-awarded and continuing grants, please use the Financial Aid Matching Funds Request Form.

Individual student external fellowships
Preparing fellowship and grant applications contributes to a student’s professional development, and garnering an extramural award represents a significant achievement. The Graduate Division partners with academic programs to cover the cost of education (tuition and fees) not covered by the extramural award. To be eligible, the award must provide an annual minimum of $18,000.

For more information about cost-sharing, the application, and a list of currently approved fellowships, please refer to the Graduate Student Financial Support booklet (PDF), under the heading Cost Sharing for Individual Extramural Graduate Fellowships. The request form for individual cost-sharing can be found here.

Please keep this information in mind when you and your students prepare training grant and fellowship applications. For more information about Graduate Division matching funds, please contact Assistant Dean Ana Lebon at alebon@grad.ucla.edu.

With best regards,

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