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Subject: 2021-22 Student Support Allocations

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Graduate Division

Department Chairs and Department Administrators:

The Graduate Division is pleased to announce student support allocations for 2021–22. These include: 1) Block Grant allocations, 2) Graduate Dean’s Scholar Awards, and 3) Doctoral Travel Grants.

Department/program allocations are available for viewing on the [Go.Grad website](#). Your department SAO or MSO should have a Go.Grad account and can print your allocation from the site. If you need assistance, please contact Eli Levy at x5-7758 or elevy@grad.ucla.edu. We encourage you to forward this email to the appropriate CAO or MSO in your academic unit.

1. Block Grant Allocation

The Block Allocation is based on three-year average eligible enrollment. Doctoral students who are **registered or registered in absentia** remain eligible for up to 21 consecutive quarters (7 years; summers are not counted). All master’s degree and J.D. students are considered eligible if they are registered/enrolled and within their program’s normative time-to-degree (measured in quarters; summers not included). *In addition, as an accommodation for students whose graduation may have been delayed due to COVID-19, we are including in the eligibility count doctoral students who are enrolled this Fall 2020 for the 22nd quarter, thereby adding 3 quarters of eligibility per student. Similarly, we are adding an additional quarter of eligibility for master’s students enrolled this Fall 2020 who, based on normative time-to-degree (TTD), should have completed last Spring 2020.* Because students on Filing Fee are not enrolled, they are not eligible for block grant funding.

Carry-forward to 2021–22: If your department/program had an approved carry-forward from 2020–21 to 2021–22, it is noted on the student support allocation summary sheet in your Jasmine account.

Deadline to allocate Block Grant to individual students: Feb. 3, 2022: All block grant funds for the 2021–22 academic year must be allocated to your students by February 3, 2022. We ask that you meet this deadline to ensure that the Graduate Division Fellowships and Financial Services Office meets campus fiscal closing deadlines.

- *Underspending the allocation:* As was the case in prior years, departments may request to carry forward up to \$40,000 or 10% of the Block Grant, whichever is greater, to the following academic year, 2022–23.
- *Overspending the allocation:* A department or program that commits more than its 2021–22 allocation may request an advance of up to \$40,000 on its 2022–23 allocation.

In either case, please e-mail your written request to Ana Lebon, Assistant Dean of Fellowships and Financial Services in the Graduate Division (alebon@grad.ucla.edu) by Nov. 3, 2021.

2. Graduate Dean's Scholar Award (GDSA)

We continue to support departments' ability to compete for the most highly recruited doctoral students via the UCLA Graduate Dean's Scholar Awards. Just as last year, small programs that enrolled fewer than 6 entering doctoral students have been combined with other small programs in their field to earn "floating awards" for their dean to distribute among those programs.

3. Doctoral Travel Grants (DTG)

The Graduate Division will continue to provide \$1,000 to new doctoral students to use during their degree program.

As a reminder, this initiative was created to encourage doctoral students to present their work at professional conferences, to support travel associated with off-campus research, and to enable students to take advantage of off-campus professional development opportunities. The reimbursement can be used, in whole or in part, at any time through the seventh year of enrollment in the doctoral program. Departments and mentors are encouraged to talk with their students about how and when the funds might best be used, and to provide additional funding for these activities as resources permit. ***There is no limit to the amount of additional support an individual student can receive.***

We hope that this \$1,000 guarantee will serve as an effective incentive that can help yield the top recruits to your doctoral programs. We encourage you to include language about the DTG in your informal offer letters.

Special Accommodations for COVID-19 related expenses:

- An automatic extension has been given to students who are on their 8th year and are enrolled during 2020-21.
- Reimbursements for COVID-19 related expenses such as noise canceling headphones, microphones, special system licensing, etc. will be approved for up to \$100 from DTG funds.

4. Recruitment Visit Allocations

This program is being suspended for 2021-22.

Questions concerning procedures or deadlines should be directed to Assistant Vice Provost Sam Bersola (sbersola@grad.ucla.edu/ x5-4386) or Assistant Dean of Fellowships and Financial Services Ana Lebon (alebon@grad.ucla.edu/ x6-4309).

With best wishes for a happy holiday season and New Year,

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