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## Graduate Division

Dear Chairs and Vice-Chairs:

As we approach another graduate recruiting and admissions season, I write to remind you of UCLA's participation in the Council of Graduate Schools' (CGS) "[Resolution Regarding Graduate Scholars, Fellows, Trainees and Assistantships](#)," also known as the "April 15 Resolution." The deadline for acceptance of financial aid remains on that date, at midnight on April 15, 2021.

Participation in the resolution obliges us to **allow admitted graduate students to consider all offers of financial support through April 15**. Over 325 U.S. institutions offering graduate degrees have agreed to abide by this resolution. Your cooperation ensures that both student and program conduct their admissions in an ethical manner, and that they receive equal treatment and consideration in the financial support decision-making process.

Here are some important aspects of the Resolution:

- The April 15, 2021, deadline applies only to acceptance of an offer of financial support such as a graduate scholarship, fellowship, traineeship, or assistantship.
- It applies only to offers of financial support for the following academic year.
- Although you can send out your offers well before the deadline, prospective graduate students are under no obligation to respond to offers of financial aid prior to April 15.
- **Starting Fall 2020, acceptance of an offer of financial support made after April 15, 2021, is conditional upon resignation by the applicant of any previously accepted offer. A formal release by the program is no longer required.**
- All offers of financial support should include a copy of, or link to, the "April 15 Resolution": <http://cgsnet.org/april-15-resolution>.

In addition to direct information on the resolution, some explanatory language should be included in all financial support letters. Below is an example of wording that you are free to use in your letter.

*Please inform us in writing of your decision no later than April 15, 2021. In accordance with the [Council of Graduate Schools' \(CGS\) resolution](#), we will honor this offer until the April 15 deadline, after which point it will be rescinded unless you are informed in writing that the deadline for a decision has been extended. Although you are under no obligation to accept this offer prior to April 15, please let us know as soon as you have made a decision so that we may extend offers to other prospective students if possible. You may consider other offers of financial support; if you choose to accept another offer of financial support, you must first resign from your acceptance of our offer, either before or after April 15.*

For questions concerning the April 15 Resolution, please contact Assistant Dean of Diversity, Inclusion and Admissions, Dr. Nickey Woods ([nwoods@grad.ucla.edu](mailto:nwoods@grad.ucla.edu)/ x5-3829).

With best wishes,

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