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Subject: Fall 2023 Increase – Cota Robles & Graduate Opportunity Fellowship Program Award Levels



To: Deans, Department Chairs, SAOs, MSOs, CAOs, and CFOs

What you need to know:

- Eugene V. Cota Robles (CR) and Graduate Opportunity Fellowship Program (GOFP) fellowships will increase by \$5,000 effective Fall 2023, making the annual fellowship amounts \$30,000 for CR and \$25,000 for GOFP.
- Departments are encouraged to meet the new level for their portion of the commitment, but are not required to do so until the Fall 2025 admit class.

Dear Colleagues:

The Division of Graduate Education (DGE) is pleased to announce that effective Fall 2023, we will increase the annual fellowship award amounts for the Eugene V. Cota Robles (CR) and Graduate Opportunity Fellowship Program (GOFP) fellowships by \$5,000—making the annual fellowship amounts \$30,000 for CR and \$25,000 for GOFP.

The increase will be effective this Fall 2023 for the DGE portion of the fellowship commitment for all current CR and GOFP awardees.

Departments will not be required to increase their departmental commitment to meet the new level for existing fellowship recipients, although we encourage them to do so. However, departmental commitments will be expected to meet the new funding level starting with those students admitted for Fall 2025 (the upcoming admissions cycle).

The DGE is able to cover the increase in fellowship amount and maintain the current award levels at this amount for the next several years, using surplus from unused prior allocations (e.g., fellowships awarded to students who ultimately did not attend, students who accepted external fellowships, etc.). We are actively exploring options for securing additional funding for these diversity fellowships; however, if another funding source cannot be identified in the future, we will need to reduce the overall award rates in order to maintain the higher fellowship amount.

Questions concerning fellowship procedures or deadlines should be directed to the Graduate Education Portal or AskGrad@grad.ucla.edu.

Best regards,

Susan L. Ettner

Dean of Graduate Education

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