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Subject: Notice regarding the Graduate Division's QGE Supplement

UCLA *Graduate Division*

Office of the Vice Chancellor and Dean

Dear Deans, Department Chairs, Vice Chairs, Faculty and Staff:

This is to formally notify you of a two-year moratorium on the Graduate Division's *Quality of Graduate Education (QGE)* Supplemental Allocation program, effective with the 2008–2009 cycle. As I discussed at the recent Chairs' meetings and with the Graduate Council, since its inception in 2002 this program has served as a catalyst for a number of innovative activities intended to improve the quality of graduate education for our continuing doctoral students.

However, in the past few years the proposals have come to be very similar, making it increasingly difficult to make discriminations among them. In this context, the competitive proposal process itself has become less meaningful and increasingly renders the investment in preparation and review less warranted. Therefore effective 2008–2009 the QGE funding will be allocated as a line item in the Graduate Division departmental allocations rather than on a competitive basis. As you will recall this program required that a final report be submitted prior to receiving new funding. We will continue to observe this policy under the new allocation system.

Departments and programs that have previously received QGE funding anytime during the 2002–2007 period and have submitted their final reports will receive a QGE allocation. Departments and programs who received funding for the 2007-08 will also be included as final reports for this cycle are not due until September 15th, 2008. The amount will be determined by the number of continuing doctoral students in the eligible department/program in relation to the amount of available funds.

Departments/programs that have not previously received QGE funding should consult their respective Graduate Division Associate Dean for directions about possible inclusion in the QGE allocation process for 2009-2010.

Please feel free to contact me or Assistant Vice Chancellor Al Setton (asetton@gdnet.ucla.edu) if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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