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Subject: CGS Resolution

UCLA *Graduate Division*

Office of the Vice Chancellor & Dean

Department Chairs and Department Administrators

RE: Council of Graduate Schools Resolution Regarding Graduate Scholars, Fellows, Trainees, and Assistants

In the midst of this busy time of the year when decisions are being made on graduate admissions, we remind graduate programs of the CGS resolution that allows students until April 15 to accept an offer of admission and student support.

The CGS Resolution may be found at: <http://cgsnet.org/portals/0/pdf/CGSResolutionNov2007.pdf>. All campuses of the University of California were original signers of the Resolution.

From the CGS website:

The general spirit of the Resolution is that students should have an opportunity to consider more than one offer and should have until April 15 to do so, that institutions and students should be able to view acceptances in force after April 15 as binding, that everyone should know what the rules are, and that an offer by the institution and its acceptance by the student constitute an agreement which both expect to honor. The Resolution acknowledges that students, after having accepted an offer, may change their minds and withdraw that acceptance. The intent of the Resolution is to provide a uniform and widely acceptable framework for so doing, one that provides protection for both student and institution.

The essence of the resolution is that applicants offered admission and financial support are not required to respond prior to April 15 and "earlier deadlines for acceptance of such offers violate the intent of this Resolution."

A copy of the Resolution is included with all offers of support from the Graduate Division to applicants who are offered admission and all faculty and staff administrators are bound to follow it.

The Resolution provides a foundation of collegiality and trust and ensures fairness and equity in the admissions process for CGS institutions.

Sincerely,

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