Attached find the procedures and deadlines for the centrally administered recruitment fellowships for new graduate students in 2010-2011. This program provides an important vehicle for awarding campuswide resources based on a comprehensive review of academic merit and potential and for attracting the best graduate students to our campus.

I highlight below some key points for the program and some important reminders that will facilitate the ease with which the full process is implemented.

- In order to continue to strengthen our ability to attract the most talented graduate student body, we will increase the stipend levels to $22,000 for a multi-year fellowship and $20,000 for a single-year fellowship.

- This year we will begin shifting the balance of multi-year/single-year awards to a greater number of multi-year awards, in order to provide students with increased predictability in terms of UCSB’s promise of support to them.

- You will see a reduction in the number of fellowship categories. For example, we have integrated the UC Santa Barbara Graduate Fellowship (academic preparation required as eligibility) competition into the larger merit/diversity competition in order to streamline the nomination process. The total combined number of multi-year awards will not be reduced and the nomination to award ratio will parallel the general merit competition. Please consider that successful participation in academic/research preparation programs is regarded as an excellent marker for future success in graduate school.

- Pay special attention to the number of nominations that your Department may submit (page 2). If you think that your department will not be able to cover the departmental commitment of TAships or GSRs, please reduce the number of nominations that you submit. Your historical award rate (the number of awards you have gotten in the past) will be a good guide for you, as these rates are fairly stable.

- Note that there is space on the nomination form for your program to provide an admissions/enrollment estimate. The campus, at all levels, is engaging in more aggressive attempts to plan and estimate enrollment. Graduate advisors were alerted to this request in early December. Thank-you, in advance, for your attention and cooperation on this matter.
• **Nominations are due** in Graduate Division on January 29. Given feedback from campus constituents, we will attempt to get award notifications out by February 26. A shortening of faculty review timelines will facilitate this change.

• Please be reminded of the April 15 deadline for acceptance of fellowships. This is an absolute deadline per agreement with the Council of Graduate Schools – see [http://www.cgsnet.org/portals/0/pdf/CGSResolutionMay2009.pdf](http://www.cgsnet.org/portals/0/pdf/CGSResolutionMay2009.pdf).

• As always, we encourage personal contact by the department with the fellowship recipient. It is often the personal element that tips the decision.

**Please read the attached Central Fellowship Procedures Guide carefully, and forward a copy to colleagues in your department.** Included is a detailed summary of each fellowship package, outlining the Graduate Division's and departments' funding responsibilities for each category of fellowships. If you have any questions regarding any aspect of nomination or selection procedures, please contact Jenny Bisheff (bisheff@graddiv.ucsb.edu) or Laura Cheung (lcheung@graddiv.ucsb.edu) in the Graduate Division.

**Also attached, find a list of Frequently Asked Questions.** We hope this will be of assistance to you this year as an additional source of information. We will post on GradNET a one-page summary chart of the central recruitment fellowships, for your convenience.

This is an exciting and busy time of the year as we invite graduate students who will enrich the classrooms and research groups on our campus. We look forward to continued and energized collaboration with you to pursue our common goals of excellence and diversity in our graduate programs.

**Attachments:**  
Central Fellowship Procedures Guide  
FAQ's about the Central Fellowship Competition

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