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**To: Deans**

**RE: Continuation of the Bridge Funding Program**

To help recruit the best and brightest Ph.D. students, the campus now requires that admission offers for Ph.D. students include five years of guaranteed financial support. In units where the majority of student financial support is in the form of GSRs, some faculty are reluctant to guarantee five years of support given the lifespan of grants, the increasingly competitive environment for securing federal grants, and fluctuations in the amount of federal dollars committed to fund research. Given that these concerns are still warranted, I am continuing to offer funds through the GSR Bridge Funding program. This program provides up to \$30,000 per year to support students of faculty who have a strong history of supporting GSRs, and is actively and demonstrably seeking such funding, but is presently without support.

#### **Faculty Eligibility to Receive Funding**

Documentation must be provided indicating that the faculty member:

- has lost, or will soon lose, extramural support for previously funded doctoral students
- has a strong prior track record of GSR support of doctoral students
- has made substantial and demonstrable efforts to re-establish funding, and, in the documented opinion of the Associate Dean, is likely to be funded again in the near future
- is a member of the Academic Senate

#### **Required Application Components**

- Documentation addressing the above eligibility requirements
- A letter from the Associate Dean strongly endorsing the application and including:
  - a commitment to match, dollar-for-dollar, the funding requested from the Bridge Funding Program application

Awarded funds are to be used exclusively to fund doctoral students. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis, and the program will continue this academic year until funds allocated to the program are exhausted. Submit applications to Turner Dahl at [tdahl@uci.edu](mailto:tdahl@uci.edu). For more information, contact Court Crowther at [crowther@uci.edu](mailto:crowther@uci.edu).

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Frances Leslie".

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cc: Associate Deans  
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