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To: NIH Predoctoral Training Grant Directors

Re: NIH NRSA Graduate Student Tuition and Fees Shortfall

From: Martin Cadwallader

Vice Chancellor for Research and Dean of the Graduate School

Thank you for meeting with us in October to discuss the revised NRSA tuition and health insurance policy and the Graduate School's role in addressing the shortfall on these awards. We greatly appreciate the feedback we received from you on this and related issues. As I stated at the meeting, the Graduate School is committed to continuing to help ensure the strength and longevity of your training programs.

The Graduate School will provide up to \$4,000 for each predoctoral trainee or fellow supported in each grant year to help cover the shortfall amounts in the tuition and health insurance categories for all awards covered by the new NIH policy. A form for requesting funds will be available on the Graduate School's web site in January.

This arrangement will continue through fiscal year 2010, at which time we will review the situation based on costs and on feedback from you. If NIH revises its policy, or if UW-Madison policies regarding the tuition status of trainees change during this time, the Graduate School will revisit this issue in light of those changes.

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