

TO: JMC Department Chairs with JCGS Faculty and Department Business Administrators

RE: Changes in PhD tuition beginning in the 2007-08 academic year

A recent review of PhD tuition levels has shown that the JCGS rate is considerably below that of our peer institutions. Although our students do not pay this tuition, extramural agencies do support a share of these charges and so it is both appropriate and necessary to bring these rates to the market level. Accordingly, JCGS will increase the tuition rate by \$5,000 in each of the next two years, in addition to routine inflationary increases. PhD students supported by individual and institutional training grants, through supplements to the research grants, or other extramurally supported mechanisms will be expected to support tuition as provided by these agencies, so please have your faculty keep these increased tuition levels in mind as new or renewal applications are submitted. As existing awards can only support tuition at the level currently approved, JCGS will fund the portion of the tuition above the level supported on the grant for the duration of the award. JCGS will also continue its “matching” support.

Tuition rates (including fees) for the next few years are outlined below. Please make sure these figures are incorporated into any extramural grant applications.

Budget	Projected	Projected	Projected
<u>2007-08</u>	<u>2008-09</u>	<u>2009-10</u>	<u>2010-11</u>
\$20,740	\$26,350	\$27,130	\$27,932

As noted in a previous email, an arrangement has been made between JCGS and JMC to change how tuition costs for PhD students will be funded to insure that all qualified preceptors have comparable opportunities and financial responsibilities for training PhD students. This will have a number of favorable consequences:

- Advisors of PhD students will no longer be responsible for supporting tuition costs on their individual research grants. Stipend and health insurance costs will still be supported as allowed on the grant, or through other arrangements between PI's and their Departments.
- Departments will no longer be responsible for supporting tuition costs for PhD students entering the 2nd year and above. JMC will budget a pool of funds each year to support ongoing PhD students not having extramural funding for tuition. Tuition costs will be covered through a direct transfer between JMC and JCGS, and funds will no longer flow through JMC Departments.
- Tuition and stipend support of highly qualified 1st year PhD students will continue to be provided by Foerderer and JCGS operational funds. Similar support for MD/PhD students entering their 1st year of PhD study will be provided through a combination of Foerderer and Measey funds.

At the same time, it's important that you are aware that when your faculty member accepts sponsorship of a PhD student, they (and you as their Chair) are responsible for the student's support other than tuition beyond the student's first year. In this regard, I'm also pleased to tell you that we have been developing *draft* criteria for bridge funding of student stipends when PI's encounter a lapse in support (attached). As only limited resources will be available for these situations, the criteria will be strict. We would welcome your feedback about this plan.

As part of the usual annual process, the JCGS Finance Office will be in touch with your Department Administrators to confirm funding arrangements for any PhD students conducting their thesis studies in your faculty labs. We will work together with your staff to identify these funding sources for the next academic year and implement the changes mentioned above.

Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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