



Graduate Growth Incentive Awards (GgIA)

DEADLINE TO APPLY: FRIDAY, MARCH 10, 2017

The GgIA program was established in 2010 to encourage development of innovative new graduate programs and collaborative initiatives to increase long-term extramural funding to support graduate academic students. The goal of these “venture funds” is to draw students to new and relevant graduate programs, and to increase the availability of extramural funding to support the graduate student population. The GgIA program will provide direct funding support for graduate students, targeted in the form of seed grants to graduate faculty. It seeks applications for up to one year of graduate student support from the following eligible applicant groups:

Extramural Funding

Faculty establishing new collaborative initiatives for extramural support (e.g., federal, state, foundation, private sector, etc.) of graduate students are eligible to apply. Those who are preparing **training grant proposals** that would provide significant extramural funding are particularly encouraged to apply. Faculty proposing new Research Centers may also submit proposals but must clearly indicate their center’s impact on graduate student support. GgIA proposals should focus on a financial strategy to achieve long-term increments in extramural graduate student support.

New Graduate Programs or Concentrations

Faculty who plan to establish a **new doctoral program, MFA program, state-supported master’s program, or doctoral concentration** are eligible for support through the GgIA program. Interdisciplinary program proposals are particularly encouraged. Note that GgIA funds cannot be used to develop new graduate emphases or self-supporting master’s programs.

- Faculty who are developing a new academic program may consult the Academic Program Development webpage at www.grad.uci.edu/academics/program-development/index.html.

Permitted Use of Funds

Awards may be used only for graduate student support in order to facilitate the development of proposals for new extramural funding or academic programs. Staff salaries, operations or other expenses, if needed, must be provided by another source.

In the case of extramural funding proposals, GgIA funds may not be used to provide conventional agency funding matches. The Graduate Division will continue to offer to match 25% of graduate student support that is requested in training grant proposals. It is important to note that GgIA



proposals for “personal GSRs” enabling one or two individual professors to write more research grants will not be funded.

Award Amount

Individual award levels will depend upon the quality of the proposals and, more importantly, potential impact of the proposed new graduate program or extramural funding initiative. Past individual awards have averaged approximately \$20,000.

Application and Review Process

The GgIA program is a competitive program that accepts proposals from either a single academic unit or from interdisciplinary collaborations. Proposals will be evaluated by a faculty awards committee. The application must include the following elements:

Extramural Funding GgIA Proposals

1. Cover and Budget Page: Contact information, amount requested and budget detail.
2. Proposal Text: Provide an explanation of how GgIA funds will lead to a long-term net increase in graduate funding (up to 2 pages). A brief summary of the disciplinary or thematic area is needed with a focus on the business plan for the award.
3. An implementation plan and timeline must be included in your proposal, along with a rationale for the requested student support.
4. A letter of support from the Associate Dean of Graduate Studies from relevant academic units should be provided.

New Graduate Program and Concentration GgIA Proposals (Ph.D. Programs, MFA Programs, State-Supported Master’s Programs or Doctoral Concentrations)

1. Cover and Budget Page: Contact information, amount requested and budget detail.
2. Proposal Text: Provide an explanation of how GgIA funds will be effective in the development of a new program or concentration (up to 2 pages). Include an outline of the content and goals, anticipated demand for the program or concentration, and how it fits with existing programs or concentrations on campus.
3. Appendix: Provide evidence of faculty support for the proposal. Such evidence can include letters of support, a departmental vote in support of developing a program or concentration, etc.
4. An implementation plan and timeline must be included in your proposal, along with a rationale for the requested student support.



5. A letter of support from the Associate Dean of Graduate Studies from relevant academic units should be provided.

Application Submission

Please submit the applications as an electronic attachment (either as a PDF or Word document) to Kate Triglia (ktriglia@uci.edu), Assistant Director of Academic Affairs, by Friday, March 10, 2017 at 12pm for consideration for a 2017-18 award start.

Review Criteria

Proposals will be reviewed according to the following criteria:

For proposals seeking new extramural support:

- Likelihood that the proposed activities will result in significant extramural graduate student support
- Soundness of the business plan, including availability of funding for costs not supported through GgIA
- Feasibility of implementation plan and timeline
- Appropriateness of requested student support
- Degree of support from relevant academic units

For proposals seeking new graduate program or concentration development:

- Likelihood that the proposed activities will result in development of a new Ph.D. program, MFA program, state-supported master's program, or doctoral concentration
- Quality of the proposed program or concentration content and goals
- Evidence of anticipated demand for the proposed program or concentration
- Relationship between the proposed program or concentration and existing programs or concentrations on campus
- Feasibility of implementation plan and timeline
- Appropriateness of requested student support
- Degree of support from relevant academic units

Additional Information

Frequently asked questions can be found at:
www.grad.uci.edu/forms/faculty-and-staff/GgIA-FAQ.pdf