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GgIA: FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Graduate Growth Incentive Awards (GgIA) FAQs

1. **Who is eligible to apply for the GgIA program?**

   Individual faculty, groups of faculty, or academic units.

2. **Will individual faculty research grants that support graduate students be eligible for 25% matching funds from the Graduate Division?**

   No, individual grants are not eligible. Rather, matching funds are available for training grants (e.g., NIH T32, etc.).

3. **The instructions for GgIA applications for extramural funding ask for a focus on the "business plan" aspect of the award — what does this mean?**

   GgIA awards for securing extramural support represent an investment, in that they are intended to provide seed funding that will facilitate securing more resources in the long term. Therefore, the business plan should detail how GgIA funds will help to secure additional extramural funding.

4. **What are some of the ways that graduate students may be employed to facilitate extramural funding or new program development within the GgIA program framework?**

   Applicants are encouraged to be creative in envisioning how to employ graduate students' valuable research and analytical skills to support the development of new degree programs or proposals for extramural funding. Involving graduate students through GgIA funding also creates the opportunity to incorporate student experiences and perspectives.

5. **Can GgIA funds be used to support recruitment of students to existing programs?**

   No. The purpose of GgIA funding is to support the development of new Ph.D. programs, MFA programs, state-supported master's programs, doctoral concentrations, and new extramural

graduate funding opportunities.

6. **Can unexpended GgIA funding be rolled over to the following year?**

   No. Funding that is not used by June 30 of the award year will be forfeited and must be applied for again during the next GgIA competition.

7. **Who may I contact with additional questions about the GgIA program?**

   Please direct GgIA-related inquiries to Associate Dean Susan Coutin at **scoutin@uci.edu**.