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**MEMORANDUM**

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**TO:** Presidents

**FROM:** Loren J. Blanchard, Ph.D.  
Executive Vice Chancellor



**SUBJECT: Policy Clarification for CSU Independent Doctoral Program Grants**

Doctoral tuition fees for the three independent CSU Doctoral Programs (doctor of education, doctor of physical therapy and doctor of nursing practice), were designed to include a provision for setting aside a portion of the revenue to provide need-based grants to eligible students.

Guidance to campuses indicates the following: “Eligible students shall meet all other eligibility criteria that are applied to other CSU students who are considered for State University Grants, including classification as a California resident for fee paying purposes. Eligibility for a Doctorate Grant requires that the student be paying the Doctorate Tuition Fee rather than the State University Tuition Fee.”

Consistent with State University Grant requirements, we provide the following clarification of practice, effective immediately:

Doctoral students receiving a tuition-designated award (waiver, grant, or scholarship) that covers all doctorate tuition fees are not eligible for a further doctoral grant from “financial aid set-aside” funds. If a financial aid award covers a portion of doctoral tuition fees, a doctoral grant may be awarded up to an amount equal to the balance of doctoral tuition fees not covered by other award(s).

This approach will ensure the awards are made only to students who have doctoral tuition fee obligations, and it will allow campuses to consider additional eligible students for doctoral grants.

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Humboldt  
Long Beach  
Los Angeles  
Maritime Academy

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Northridge  
Pomona  
Sacramento  
San Bernardino  
San Diego

San Francisco  
San José  
San Luis Obispo  
San Marcos  
Sonoma  
Stanislaus

Campuses are encouraged to review their student materials, including Web content, brochures, etc., to ensure that eligibility criteria and limitations are clear.

Questions regarding doctoral grant programs and awarding policies may be directed to Mr. Dean Kulju, Director of Student Financial Aid, Academic and Student Affairs at (562) 951-4737 or [dkulju@calstate.edu](mailto:dkulju@calstate.edu).

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