

Resolution Recommending Changes to
Morris, Doctoral, and Master's Fellowship Award Procedures

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Whereas many departments use Morris, Doctoral, and Master's Fellowships as recruiting tools for truly superior graduate students, both intra- and extra-mural;

And whereas competing institutions increasingly offer fellowship awards and funding packages in early to mid-February across a range of disciplines;

And whereas Southern Illinois University, Carbondale has a university-wide commitment to increasing graduate enrollments;

And whereas Morris, Doctoral, and Master's fellowships allow departments to increase the size of their incoming graduate cohort, during periods of budgetary stasis or contraction;

And whereas the practical mechanism for increasing the speed of fellowship awards decisions will be in place by spring 2013, when the Graduate School will circulate fellowship applications in PDF form, abrogating the need for the slow and cumbersome process of circulating hard copies in separate packets;

Therefore, be it resolved that the Graduate Council recommends to the Graduate School that decisions on both Morris and Doctoral Fellowship awards be made no later than 15 February and that decisions on Master's Fellowships be made no later than 1 March.