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## MEMORANDUM

**Date:** 17 November 2008

**To:** Heads of units with Graduate Programs, Grad Chairs, Award Contacts  
**cc:** Deans of units with Graduate Programs

**From:** John (Jay) Doering, Dean, Faculty of Graduate Studies

**Re:** 2009/2010 University of Manitoba Graduate Fellowship and Manitoba Graduate Scholarship

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After consideration by the Faculty of Graduate Studies Awards Committee, and their unanimous approval, effective with the 2009/2010 academic year, I will be further devolving the UMGF and MGS to the unit level. Further devolution of the UMGF and MGS will allow units to recommend UMGF recipients at the time of recommending admission, although it will still be possible to recommend a student for a UMGF after admission. This will allow an award notice to be sent to students along with the letter of admission; this moves FGS closer to the goal of an all inclusive letter of offer. We hope this will help to prevent the loss of potential students due to receiving offers of funding from other institutions. Units will have greater control over who gets funding and when the offers of funding are made. Units will also have greater control over what factors are used to select UMGF recipients, as long as the minimum GPA criteria is met.

Following is a schedule for release of information pertaining to the new UMGF/MGS methods:

Late November/Early December 2008 – release of the new UMGF/MGS guidelines

February 2009 – preliminary UMGF/MGS budget will be released. Award recommendations can be requested by units as per their allocation.

Spring 2009 – a finalized budget will be released after the announcement of the Tricouncil (NSERC, SSHRC, CIHR) awards. This is necessary as many UMGF and MGS recipients will decline the remainder of their award to accept Tricouncil funding freeing up additional funds.

If you have any questions or concerns about this matter please do not hesitate to provide comments or feedback. Please submit your comments to [marcia\\_labiuk@umanitoba.ca](mailto:marcia_labiuk@umanitoba.ca)