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This letter is being sent to departments that currently have DOE CSGF fellows or who have students who have expressed an interest in the program and will be posted on the DOE CSGF website. The purpose of this communication is to inform you of a change in policy of the Department of Energy Computational Science Graduate Fellowship (DOE CSGF) program.

The DOE CSGF provides a stipend of \$32,400, an academic allowance to the fellow of \$1,000 per year, cost shares for a computer not to exceed a total price of \$4950, and pays full tuition and fees for the fellow. The fellowship is designed to identify and support some of the very best graduate students in the country. Over the past sixteen years, it has been very successful in doing this. The fellowship is extremely competitive: last year fewer than one in 20 applicants received an award. The fact that the fellowship attracts such a large number of highly qualified applicants is due in part to the fact that it provides the fellows with a very healthy stipend and the payment of full tuition and fees in order to allow the fellow to devote full attention to course work and research.

In the past some allowance has been made for those fellows who wish to gain teaching experience or for fellows that appear to be required to teach. It is this policy which requires adjustment in light of the fellowship design and goals, and a growing trend among some universities to require two, three, four or even more semesters (or quarter equivalents) of teaching.

The new policy will be initiated for the current application/selection process cycle for the DOE CSGF program, that is for applications due by January 14, 2010. For this and future cycles, applications will only be considered for study in departments that certify that either

1. no more than one term of teaching, grading or other departmental support activities are required of students in the applicants department or
2. if there are requirements to teach, grade or provide other departmental support for more than one term, they will be waived for the DOE CSGF fellows.

If a fellow teaches during the fellowship period, the fellowship stipend will be decremented by the amount paid for the teaching or other departmental support activities and the tuition and fees reimbursement will be reduced by amount awarded for the activities and will not exceed the prorated portion of an annual allocation of \$10,500.

This policy will affect only new recipients, not students in the program as of September 2009.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to write.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James Coronas". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped initial "J".

James Coronas  
President  
Krell Institute