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DATE: October 16, 2006
TO: Faculty and Graduate Students
FROM: Mary Anne Fitzpatrick, Dean
RE: Graduate Student Support for Presentations at
National/International Meetings

A key initiative for the College is to develop the next generation of leadership for our academic disciplines through our work in graduate education. Presentations at national and international professional conferences, as well as performances or exhibitions of original work, are an important part of the professional development of graduate students. Such venues are instrumental in establishing a professional network, and active participation provides contacts for collaborative research, future employment, and funding.

Therefore, the College is announcing a new program to fund conference travel for meetings after January 1, 2007. Students enrolled in the College of Arts and Sciences graduate degree programs are eligible to receive funding from the Office of the Dean in support of expenses for papers presented at national or international professional meetings or conferences, or for performances or exhibitions of original work. Maximum awards will be \$500 for national and \$1000 for international meetings.

We hope that this program will facilitate the active involvement of graduate students at a national/international level in the life of their respective disciplines and fields.