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UPDATE ON ICR STUDENT FUNDING

As of May 2014 the Dean has informed ICR director and DGS that beginning 2015-2016 the College will not have resources to fund 5th year students. 4th year student funding will be very limited. The College will meet its commitment to all who have three year 50% funding. The next two years, as per admissions letters, are pending availability of resources, and the College anticipates the lack of availability of resources.

Also please note that this funding is within the parameters of letters of offer. As well ICR student funding remains on a par with peer departments in our field and other units in the humanities and social sciences in the University of Illinois.

Below is direct quote from Dean:

For future planning purposes, the College will not be able to fund students who will be in their 5th year in FY16. And, there will be extremely limited College-funding available to those students who will be in their 4th year in FY16. This is due to the number of admits & acceptances in the recent past years, external funding for some students expiring, and larger salaries for assistantships.

This applies to academic year 2015-2016. [not to the 2014-2015 academic year that begins this August].

This means the following:

1. If you are in the regular funding stream—i.e. student who comes in with 3 years of 50% funding and two years of 50% funding pending progress and available resources as per your admissions letter—and you will be in your 4th or 5th year of college funding in 2015-2016, then you should be looking for other funding sources. These include:
   a. fellowships [on campus or externally]—IPRH, CAS, Ford, NWSA, SSRC, etc.
   b. TAships or RAships in other departments and units [GWS, LLSP, the Unit, IPRH, OMSA, etc.]
   c. RAships with ICR or College faculty who have funding outside of the college
   d. any other type of funding.
2. If you are in a different funding stream, such as serving out your fellowship in conjunction with college promised funding, then the College will honor the commitment as per your admissions letter.

3. If you are not in the funding stream [i.e. your letter of admissions did not include funding commitment], then the College will not fund you unless there are unexpected circumstances.