Dear Chairs, Directors of Graduate Study, and Academic Staff:

We are pleased to announce expansions to the International Graduate Funding Initiative (GI) Award and the Minority-Serving Institution (MSI) Award. Please review the information below for further information on these changes.

**International Graduate Funding Initiative (GI Award)**

The GI award provides a tuition award of up to $24,000 in tuition support per academic year to qualified students from eligible countries applying to an on-campus master’s programs. Effective **Spring 2020**, Kazakhstan will be added to the list of eligible countries. Note that students must be planning to be on an F-1 (student) visa and enroll full-time in an on-campus Master’s program to be eligible for this award.

Eligible Countries:

- Bangladesh
- Brazil
- Colombia
- Ghana
- India
- Indonesia
- Kazakhstan*
- Mexico
- Nigeria
- Pakistan
- Turkey
- Vietnam
Minority-Serving Institution Award (MSI)

The MSI award provides an application fee waiver and a tuition award of at least 40 percent to qualified students who attended eligible MSI institutions and are applying to Columbian College graduate programs. We are pleased to announce that there are new eligible institutions.

Effective Spring 2020, the following institutions are eligible:

- Bowie State University
- California State University, Dominguez Hills
- Clark Atlanta University*
- Dillard University
- Florida A&M University
- Florida International University
- Hampton University
- Howard University
- Jackson State University
- Metropolitan University of Puerto Rico
- Morehouse College
- Morgan State University
- Norfolk State University
- North Carolina A&T University
- Spelman College
- Tuskegee University
- University of Maryland, Eastern Shore
- University of Puerto Rico, all campuses*
- University of the District of Columbia*
- Virginia State University
- Xavier University of Louisiana

*denotes new addition

Additionally, if a department would like to admit students from Historically Black Colleges and Universities or Hispanic-Serving Institutions that are not included on the eligible list, they may offer a renewable Dean's Award to the value of a Minority-Serving Institution Award. This is an exemption from the current policy that restricts Dean's Award to one year only. The request for a renewable Dean's Award offer must be submitted at the time of admission.

Any questions about this year's award changes can be sent to kconaty@gwu.edu.

Kind Regards,

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