1. A student who receives an award from a non-University of Chicago source is expected to accept that award and must notify the Dean of Students immediately. The University reserves the right to make adjustments in its award, if appropriate, including withdrawal of the aid offer, when a student receives a substantial award from outside the University.

2. Offers of admission and aid are for the academic year 2010-11 only and may not be deferred.

3. To accept an offer of admission and aid, students must complete and sign the enclosed Admission Reply Form and return it to the Office of the Dean of Students in the Humanities. Notifying the department by phone, email, or in writing does not constitute official acceptance of an offer.

4. Awards to students in master’s-degree-only programs cover the period of required course registration. Awards to students in doctoral programs cover years one through five, unless otherwise noted at the time of admission. Yearly renewal of awards is contingent upon good academic progress, satisfactory performance of teaching responsibilities, and departmental recommendation.

5. Students who receive part of their financial aid award in the form of a teaching assistantship must apply for such positions in the spring preceding the appropriate academic year.

6. Unless otherwise noted in the Admission Reply Form, awards do not cover the cost of the mandatory annual graduate student fee and the one-time lifetime transcript fee ($714 and $45, respectively, in 2009-10). Awards also do not cover the cost of health insurance for dependents.

7. Students whose awards include summer stipends must satisfactorily complete at least one year (three quarters) of full-time registration before receiving a summer stipend. For students in the 2010-11 entering cohort, summer stipends may be held no sooner than Summer Quarter 2011.

8. Students with financial awards are expected to maintain full-time registration or doctoral residence, depending upon the requirements of their degree programs, for three of the four quarters of the academic year. Any reduction of registration or residence from full to part-time must be recommended by the student’s department and approved by the Dean of Students. Registration for less than a full-time program will result in an adjustment in the amount of the award. A student receiving a stipend who withdraws from the University is expected to refund the unused, prorated portion.

9. International students should note that full-time registration or doctoral residence is necessary to remain in valid student visa status.

10. Unless otherwise noted, academic year stipends will be disbursed in three equal quarterly installments—normally, autumn, winter, and spring.

11. Students may not accept offers of admission and aid from more than one graduate institution.

12. The University reserves the right to adjust the financial aid award of students who are employed. Students whose cash stipend is more than $6,000 per quarter must request written permission before accepting part-time employment.

13. As a result of the Tax Reform Act of 1986, any financial aid award or combination of awards—fellowships, assistantships, traineeships—in excess of the level of tuition, fees, books, supplies, equipment, and other research-related expenses are considered taxable income and must be reported to the Internal Revenue Service.