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To: **The Chancellors**

Attention: **Vice Chancellors for Academic Affairs
Vice Chancellors for Research and Extension/ Development
Deans, Institute Directors, Department Chairs, Program Directors
Heads of Graduate Degree-Implementing Units**

From: 
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Subject: **CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR THE INSTITUTIONALIZATION OF CMP
RESEARCH, CREATIVE WORK, AND INNOVATION PROGRAMS, AND
PROGRAM OUTRIGHT GRANTS**

Approved by the UP Board of Regents during its 1408th Meeting on 30 April 2026, the **UP Collective Mentorship Program (CMP)** serves as a strategic platform for advancing graduate education, research, creative work, innovation, and public service in fulfillment of the University's mandate under Republic Act No. 9500. Shaped by comprehensive consultations across CUs, academic clusters, and graduate units, the CMP complements the proposed enhanced Faculty Merit Promotion (FMP) system. Together, they establish the enabling, supportive environment recommended by the UP Task Force to increase PhD graduation rates. This unified approach reinforces UP's mandate as the country's premier institution for advanced instruction, applied and transdisciplinary research, creative production, technology innovation, and transformative public service.

To ensure a sustainable and coordinated rollout, the CMP deploys a three-phase implementation framework designed to secure institutional continuity, catalyze program growth, and recognize applied science, creative practice, and extension services with high societal, cultural, and policy impact. At this time, we are pleased to invite our **graduate units** to apply for **CMP Phase I: Institutionalization of Research, Creative Work, and Innovation Programs**. In this initial phase, unit-endorsed programs can apply for a **Program Outright Grant** to support their operational needs. This initial stage aims to embed robust mentorship networks and collaborative systems into our graduate ecosystem and will culminate in the release of support grants and the publication of the official digital **University Catalog of Research, Creative Work, and Innovation Programs**. Please guide your respective units according to the following timeline:

Date	Activities	Remarks
June 1, 2026	Announcement of Call for Applications	CUs to set schedule of internal deadlines
July 10, 2026	Deadline for submission of CU-endorsed program applications to OVPRI	Submit consolidated CU-proposals with summary
July 24, 2026	Finalization of the Catalog by OVPRI for the UP President's consideration and approval, with endorsed programs subsequently reported to the BOR for information.	Following approval from the UP Office of the President and reporting to the BOR, OVPRI will publish the results and initiate fund releases - estimated in August 2026.

You may access the [CMP Program GRANT Application Form](#), which includes the program outright grant proposal form, line-item budget, contract template, and timeline.

Additional information about the CMP and the application process are included in the Annex: "The Collective Mentorship Program (CMP) Governance Framework for Graduate Mentorship Ecosystem and Program Application".

For queries or clarifications, your office may contact the OVPRI CMP Secretariat at research.ovpri@up.edu.ph.

Thank you very much and we look forward to your unit's active participation in reshaping the university's graduate mentorship and innovation ecosystem.

CC: *Members, UP Task Force for Enhancing PhD Graduation, R&D, and Public Service Performance (Administrative Order No. PAJ 25-42)*

ANNEX

The Collective Mentorship Program (CMP) Governance Framework for Graduate Mentorship Ecosystem and Program Application

Aligned with the university's research, creative work, and innovation mandates, a five-stage governance framework, described below, is adopted for the graduate mentorship ecosystem, spanning rigorous catalog and grant applications up to continuous monitoring and final impact evaluation.

1. **Proponent Level (Formation):** Proponents anchor program narratives to the unit agenda, drafting descriptive program definitions, identifying classifications and indexing attributes (keywords and thematic areas), and outlining branding, six-year roadmaps, and graduate mentor rosters.
2. **Unit Level (Technical Review & Co-Development):** Graduate units collaborate with proponents to co-develop proposals, auditing program classifications, indexing attributes, narrative coherence, multimedia assets, and ecosystem viability prior to endorsement.
3. **College Level (Academic QA):** Deans and committees verify alignment with unit agendas, guide collaborative structural adjustments where applicable, and issue consolidated endorsements.
4. **CU Level (Institutional Validation):** The CU (via the respective research office) reviews applications and maps the six-year milestones against campus targets, affirming the university's role in leading and coordinating advanced STEM, creative work, and thematic R&D programs.
5. **System Level (University-wide Integration):** OVPRI performs final validation, generates the digital University Catalog, and utilizes aggregated data for future national S&T, cultural, and innovation policy development and strategic resource allocation.

Note on the Future Phases of the CMP: Phase II will introduce project-based grants supporting faculty and REPS in advising graduate students, specifically doctoral candidates. Phase III will mobilize these groups toward public service, rewarding exemplary graduate mentorship under the CMP Excellence - Impact Assessment Framework and prioritizing top units for infrastructure support.

Note on Ecosystem Expansion: A *subsequent call* will invite campus-based R&D centers, creative institutes, training hospitals, basic education, other non-graduate units, and partner organizations to register in the catalog. This integration will foster robust cross-sector collaboration and resource-sharing.

Reference Materials: The documents and media resources listed below are accessible via the provided [folder link](#) and QR code.

1. [BOR-Approved CMP Guidelines](#). Governing document for the UP CMP.
2. [CMP Catalog Application Form 1](#): The editable template (.docx format) contains instructions, profile requirements, membership rosters, and formal endorsement blocks. It also provides the link for a) Google Form submission of unit-endorsed programs; and, b) Members' Google sheet.
3. [Catalog Template for Page Sample](#): A visual reference illustrating the layout of the University Catalog of Research, Creative Work, and Innovation Programs.
4. [CMP Governance Framework Matrix](#): A comprehensive concise diagram detailing the step-by-step application routing and review levels.
5. [CMP Program GRANT Application Form](#): Includes program grant proposal, Line-Item-Budget, contract template, and timeline.
6. [CMP Primer](#): A reference to leverage collaborative group environments, fostering a transformative university culture of research, creative work, and innovation through collective mentorship.
7. **Multimedia Resources**. Collaborative Mentorship in the Arts & Social Sciences:
 - a. Music: <https://youtu.be/uDwFIK4eAcw>
 - b. Theatre Arts: <https://youtu.be/73vopoj5UqM>
 - c. Psychology_1: <https://youtu.be/l4fnY8F4NT4>
 - d. Psychology_2: <https://youtu.be/RPPWm78a0Lk>
8. **CMP Video Briefings**. Videos produced using Google NotebookLM:
 - a. Exploring UP CMP: <https://youtu.be/juMXoh9HuhU>
 - b. Student Apprenticeship: <https://youtu.be/4CYI8vCyaQo>
 - c. CMP Excellence-Impact Assessment Framework: <https://youtu.be/IJ9Q-gNyYrY>

