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**TO:** Cultural Education Committee

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**SUBJECT:** Supporting graduate student research

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**SUMMARY**

**Issue for Discussion**

Overview and background of the Museum's joint Ph.D. dissertation research fellowship program with the University at Albany.

**Reason(s) for Consideration**

For Information.

**Background Information**

Since 2001 under a memorandum of understanding between the Department and the University at Albany's School of Arts and Sciences, the Museum has offered fellowships to Ph.D. students to carry out their dissertation research at the Museum under the guidance of one of its curators. In addition to their research students participate in curatorial activities, public programs, exhibits, and student training. Students have completed their degrees in anthropology, biology, and history. Presently the six students are participating in the program. John Hart, Director of Research and Collections at the Museum, will review the history of the program and the work being done by current students.