



**THE STATE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT / THE UNIVERSITY OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK / ALBANY, NY 12234**

**TO:** The Honorable the Members of the Board of Regents  
Acting in their Capacity as Trustees of The University of  
the State of New York

**FROM:** Valerie Grey, Fiscal Agent

**SUBJECT:** Acceptance of a \$1,500,000 three year grant from the  
Leona M. and Harry B. Helmsley Charitable Trust

**DATE:** December 14, 2010

**STRATEGIC GOAL:** Goal 5

**AUTHORIZATION(S):**

Issue for Decision

Approval of a \$1,500,000 three year grant to The University of the State of New York Regents Research Fund from the Leona M. and Harry B. Helmsley Charitable Trust.

Reason(s) for Consideration

This grant from the Leona M. and Harry B. Helmsley Charitable Trust is awarded to support the Regents Research Fund Fellowship Program. The Fellowship will provide supplemental expertise to assist in the design of the initiatives essential to the Board of Regents and NYSED Reform Agenda. This critical Reform Agenda support will enable identification and retention of Regents Research Fellows who will be responsible for critical research and analysis to advise the Board of Regents and Department on policy and subsequent implementation.

Proposed Handling

Approval

Recommendation

That the Board of Regents accepts the sum of \$1,500,000 from the Leona M. and Harry B. Helmsley Charitable Trust to support the work of the USNY Regents Research Fellowship Program.