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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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Office of Postsecondary Education, Undergraduate International Studies and Foreign Language Program; Notice Inviting Applications for New Awards for Fiscal Year (FY) 2001

Purpose of Program: The Undergraduate International Studies and Foreign Language Program provides grants to strengthen and improve undergraduate instruction in international studies and foreign languages in the United States.

Eligible Applicants: Institutions of higher education; combinations of institutions of higher education; partnerships between nonprofit educational organizations and institutions of higher education; and public and private non-profit agencies and organizations, including professional and scholarly associations.

Deadline for Transmittal of Applications: November 3, 2000.

Deadline for Intergovernmental Review: January 2, 2001.

Applications Available: September 1, 2000.

Available Funds: \$2,013,000. The estimated amount of funds available for new awards under this competition is based on the Administration's request for this program for FY 2001. The actual level of funding, if any, is contingent on final congressional action.

Estimated Range of Awards: \$40,000-\$130,000.

Estimated Average Size of Awards: \$74,563 per year.

Estimated Number of Awards: 27.

Note: The Department is not bound by any estimates in this notice.

Project Period: Up to 24 months for grants to single institutions of higher education, and up to 36 months for grants to combinations of institutions of higher education and partnerships.

Applicable Regulations: (a) The Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) in 34 CFR parts 74, 75, 77, 79, 82, 85, and 86, 97, 98, 99; and (b) the regulations in 34 CFR parts 655 and 658.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Matching requirement: Under Title VI, Part A, section 604(a)(3) of the Higher Education Act of 1965, Undergraduate International Studies and Foreign Language grantees must provide matching funds in either of the following ways: (a) cash contributions from the private sector equal to one-third of the total project costs; or (b) a combination of institutional and non-institutional cash or in-kind contributions equal to one-half of the total project costs. The Secretary may waive or reduce the required matching share for institutions that are eligible to receive assistance under part A or part B of Title III or under Title V of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended.

Priorities

Competitive Priority: Under 34 CFR 75.105(c)(2)(i), 34 CFR 658.35, and section 604(a)(5) of Title VI of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended, the Secretary gives preference to applications that meet the following competitive priority. The Secretary awards five points to an application that meets this competitive priority. These points are in addition to any points the application earns under the selection criteria:

Applications from institutions of higher education or combinations of institutions that: (a) Require entering students to have successfully completed at least two years of secondary school

foreign language instruction; (b) require each graduating student to earn two years of postsecondary credit in a foreign language or have demonstrated equivalent competence in the foreign language; or (c) in the case of a two-year degree granting institution, offer two years of postsecondary credit in a foreign language.

Invitational Priority: The Secretary is particularly interested in applications that meet the following invitational priority. However under 34 CFR 75.105(c)(1) an application that meets this invitational priority does not receive competitive preference over other applications.

Applications from institutions of higher education that propose activities that enrich or enhance the effectiveness of educational programs abroad, including pre-departure and post-return programs, and integrate education programs abroad into the curriculum of the home institution.

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Office of Postsecondary Education, Fulbright-Hays Faculty Research Abroad Fellowship Program, Fulbright-Hays Group Projects Abroad Program, and Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad Fellowship Program; Notice Inviting Applications for New Awards for Fiscal Year (FY) 2001

Purpose of Programs: (a) The Faculty Research Abroad Fellowship Program

offers opportunities to faculty members of institutions of higher education for research and study in modern foreign languages and area studies.

(b) The Group Projects Abroad Program supports overseas projects in training, research, and curriculum development in modern foreign languages and area studies for groups of teachers, students, and faculty engaged in a common endeavor. Projects may include short-term seminars, curriculum development or group research or study. The program does not support advanced intensive language projects under this competition.

(c) The Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad Fellowship Program provides opportunities for graduate students to engage in full-time dissertation research abroad in modern foreign languages and area studies.

Eligible Applicants: (a) Institutions of higher education are eligible to participate in the Faculty Research Abroad Fellowship Program and the Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad Fellowship Program.

(b) Institutions of higher education, State departments of education, nonprofit private educational organizations, and consortia of these entities are eligible to participate in the Group Projects Abroad Program.

Deadline for Transmittal of Applications: The dates of availability of applications and the deadlines for the transmittal of applications under each of these competitions are indicated in the chart in this notice.

Available Funds: The estimated amount of funds available for new awards under these competitions, as shown in the chart, is based on the Administration's request for these programs for FY 2001. The actual level of funding, if any, is contingent on final congressional action.

CFDA number and name of program	Applications available	Deadline for transmittal of applications	Estimated range of awards	Estimated average size of awards	Estimated number of award	Project period
84.019A—Fulbright-Hays Faculty Research Abroad Fellowship Program.	August 28, 2000 ..	October 27, 2000	\$20,000–\$75,000	\$47,000	30 fellow ships	3–12 months.
84.021A—Fulbright-Hays Group Projects Abroad Program.	September 1, 2000.	October 23, 2000	\$30,000–\$75,000	\$69,000	36	4–6 weeks for short-term seminars and curriculum development projects. 2–12 months for group research or study projects.
84.022A—Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad Fellowship Program.	August 28, 2000 ..	October 27, 2000	\$10,000–\$70,000	\$27,000	115 fellow ships ..	6–12 months.

Note: The Department is not bound by any estimates in this notice.

Applicable Regulations: (a) The Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) in 34 CFR parts 74, 75, 77, 80, 81, 82, 85, 86, 97, 98, and 99; and (b) the regulations for these programs as follows: 34 CFR Part 662 governing the Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad Fellowship Program; 34 CFR Part 663 governing the Faculty Research Abroad Fellowship Program; and 34 CFR Part

664 governing the Group Projects Abroad Program.

Priorities

Fulbright-Hays Faculty Research Abroad Fellowship Program and Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad Fellowship Program

Absolute Priority: Under 34 CFR 105(c)(3) and 34 CFR 662.21(d) governing the Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad Fellowship Program and 34 CFR

105(c)(3) and 34 CFR 663.21(d) governing the Fulbright-Hays Faculty Research Abroad Fellowship Program, the Secretary gives an absolute preference to applications that meet the following priority. The Secretary funds only applications that meet this absolute priority:

A research project funded under this priority must focus on one or more of the following areas: Africa, East Asia, Southeast Asia and the Pacific, South Asia, the Near East, East Central Europe