

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[CFDA Nos. 84.016, 84.017 and 84.229]

Undergraduate International Studies and Foreign Language Program (84.016), International Research and Studies Program (84.017) and Language Resource Centers Program (84.229); Notice Inviting Applications for New Awards for Fiscal Year (FY) 1999**Purpose of Program**

(a) 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.

(b) The *International Research and Studies Program* provides grants to conduct research and studies to improve and strengthen instruction in modern foreign languages, area studies, and other international fields to provide full understanding of the places in which the foreign languages are commonly used.

(c) The *Language Resource Centers Program* awards grants to centers at institutions of higher education to help improve the nation's capacity to teach and learn foreign languages through teacher training, research, materials development, and dissemination projects.

Eligible Applicants

(a) For a grant under the *Undergraduate International Studies and Foreign Language Program*—institutions of higher education; combinations of institutions of higher education; partnerships between nonprofit educational organizations and institutions of higher education; and public and private agencies and organizations, including professional and scholarly associations.

(b) For a grant under the *International Research and Studies Program*—public and private agencies, organizations, and institutions; and individuals.

(c) For a grant under the *Language Resource Centers Program*—institutions of higher education; and combinations of institutions of higher education.

DATES AND FISCAL INFORMATION

| CFDA No. and name of program | Applications available | Deadline for transmittal of applications | Deadline for inter-governmental review | Available funds | Estimated range of awards | Estimated average size of awards | Estimated number of awards | Project period |
|---|------------------------|--|--|-----------------|--|----------------------------------|----------------------------|--|
| 84.016, Undergraduate International Studies and Foreign Language Program. | 2/17/99 | 3/19/99 | 5/18/99 | \$2,498,901 | \$ 40,000–\$90,000 Single institutions. | \$ 65,761 | 38 | 24 months Single institutions. |
| | | | | | \$70,000–\$100,000 Consortia, partnerships and associations. | | | Up to 36 months Consortia, partnerships and associations |
| 84.017, International Research and Studies Program. | 2/17/99 | 3/31/99 | NA | 2,059,118 | \$40,000–\$150,000. | 108,375 | 19 | Up to 36 months. |
| 84.229, Language Resource Centers Program. | 2/17/99 | 3/31/99 | NA | 2,450,000 | \$300,000–\$400,000. | 350,000 | 7 | 36 months. |

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: (This information applies only to the Undergraduate International Studies and Foreign Language Program (84.016)).

The grantee's required matching funds may be obtained in either of the following ways: (a) cash from the private sector equal to one-third of the total funds for the project period; or (b) a combination of institutional and non-institutional cash or in-kind contributions equal to one-half of the total funds for the project period.

The Secretary may waive or reduce the required matching share for institutions that: (1) Are eligible to receive assistance under part A or B of title III or under title V of the Higher

Education Act of 1965, as amended; and (2) Have submitted a grant application under this program.

Applicable Regulations

(a) The Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) in 34 CFR parts 74, 75, 77, 79 (applies to part 658 only), 80 (applies to parts 660 and 669 only), 82, 85, and 86; and (b) the regulations for these programs in 34 CFR parts 655, 658, 660, and 669 (see amendments to these regulations published elsewhere in this issue of the **Federal Register**).

Competitive Priority

(This competitive priority applies only to the Undergraduate International

Studies and Foreign Language Program (84.016))

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 by the Higher Education Amendments of 1998, the Secretary gives preference to applications that meet the following competitive priority. The Secretary awards five points to an application depending upon how well the application meets the priority. These points are in addition to any points the application earns under the selection criteria for the program:

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.

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