

Subpart C—How Does the Secretary Approve an IHE's Participation?

§ 535.20 How does the Secretary evaluate an application to participate in this program for master's and doctoral level fellowships?

(a) The Secretary evaluates an application to participate in this program for master's and doctoral level fellowships on the basis of the criteria in § 535.21.

(b) The Secretary awards up to 100 points for these criteria.

(c) The maximum possible score for each criterion is indicated in parentheses.

(d) After all the applications have been evaluated under § 535.21, the Secretary rank-orders the applications.

(e) The Secretary then determines the maximum number of fellowships by language or other curriculum group that may be awarded at each IHE—

(1) Based on the IHE's capacity to provide graduate training in the areas proposed for fellowship recipients; and

(2) To the extent feasible, in proportion to the need for individuals with master's and doctoral degrees in the areas of training proposed by the IHE.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 7475)

§ 535.21 What selection criteria does the Secretary use?

The Secretary uses the following selection criteria to evaluate an application for participation in this program for master's and doctoral level fellowships:

(a) *Institutional commitment.* (25 points) The Secretary reviews each application to determine the quality of the institution's graduate program of study, including consideration of—

(1) The extent to which the program has been adopted as a permanent graduate program of study;

(2) The organizational placement of the program of study;

(3) The staff and resources that the IHE has committed to the program;

(4) The IHE's demonstrated competence and experience in programs and activities such as those authorized under the Act;

(5) The IHE's demonstrated experience in assisting fellowship recipients

to find employment in the field of bilingual education; and

(6) If the IHE has carried out a previous project with funds under title VII of the Act, the applicant's record of accomplishments under that previous project.

(b) *Quality of the graduate academic program.* (20 points) The Secretary reviews each application to determine the quality of the graduate program of study for which approval is sought, including—

(1) The course offerings and academic requirements for the graduate program;

(2) The availability of related course offerings through other schools or departments within the IHE;

(3) The IHE's focus and capacity for research;

(4) The quality of the standards used to determine satisfactory progress in, and completion of, the program;

(5) The extent to which the program of study prepares Fellows to improve the academic achievement of LEP children and youth; and

(6) In the case of a program designed to prepare trainers of educational personnel for programs of bilingual instruction, the extent to which the program incorporates the use of English and another language to develop the Fellows' competencies as trainers of bilingual educational personnel.

(c) *Quality of key faculty members.* (20 points) The Secretary reviews each application to determine the qualifications of the key faculty to be used in the program of study, including the extent to which their background, education, research interests, and relevant experience qualify them to plan and implement a successful program of high academic quality related to instruction of LEP children and youth.

(d) *Field-based experience.* (15 points) The Secretary reviews each application to determine the extent to which the program of study provides field-based experience through arrangements with LEAs, SEAs, or persons or organizations with expertise in programs for LEP children and youth.

(e) *Evidence of local or national need.* (10 points) The Secretary reviews each application to determine the need for

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more individuals trained, at the graduate level, in the area of study proposed by the applicant.

(f) *Recruitment plan.* (10 points) The Secretary reviews each application to determine the quality of the applicant's plan for recruitment and nomination of students.

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(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 7475 and 7547)

§ 535.22 How does the Secretary evaluate an application to participate in this program for post-doctoral study fellowships?

(a) The Secretary evaluates an application to participate in this program for post-doctoral study fellowships on the basis of the criteria in § 535.23.

(b) The Secretary awards up to 100 points for these criteria.

(c) The maximum possible score for each criterion is indicated in parentheses.

(d) After all the applications have been evaluated according to the selection criteria, the Secretary rank-orders the applications.

(e) The Secretary designates the maximum number of fellowships that may be awarded at each IHE based on the factors in § 535.23 (a), (c), and (d).

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 7475)

§ 535.23 What selection criteria does the Secretary use?

The Secretary uses the following selection criteria to evaluate an application for participation in this program for post-doctoral level fellowships:

(a) *Institutional commitment.* (35 points) The Secretary reviews each application to determine the overall strength of the applicant's commitment to meeting the educational needs of LEP children and youth, including consideration of—

(1) The IHE's demonstrated competence and experience in programs and research activities such as those authorized under subpart 2 of part A of title VII of the Act;

(2) The extent to which the IHE's research environment is supportive of the success of post-doctoral Fellows in their research;

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(3) The IHE's demonstrated experience in assisting fellowship recipients to find employment in the field of bilingual education;

(4) The IHE's procedures for the dissemination and use of research findings; and

(5) If the IHE has carried out a previous project with funds under title VII of the Act, the applicant's record of accomplishments under that previous project.

(b) *Proposed areas of research.* (35 points) The Secretary reviews each application to determine to what extent—

(1) There is a clear description of the areas of research proposed to be undertaken by the post-doctoral Fellows;

(2) The research to be undertaken by the post-doctoral Fellows is likely to produce new and useful information;

(3) The areas of proposed research relate to the educational needs of LEP children and youth and of the educational personnel that serve that population;

(4) The outcomes of the research and study are likely to benefit the defined target population by improving the academic achievement of LEP children and youth;

(5) The data collection and data analysis plans or research plans and designs are reasonable and sound; and

(6) A project period for completion of the study, consistent with period of availability of post-doctoral fellowships in § 535.42, is specified.

(c) *Quality of key faculty members.* (20 points) The Secretary reviews each application to determine the qualifications of the key faculty likely to assist, guide, or mentor post-doctoral Fellows, including the extent to which the faculty's background, education, research interests, and relevant experiences qualify them to support high-quality research and study performed by post-doctoral Fellows.

(d) *Adequacy of resources.* (10 points) The Secretary reviews each application to determine to what extent—

(1) The facilities planned for use are adequate;

(2) The equipment and supplies planned for use are adequate; and