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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

(3) The commitment of the applicant to provide administrative and other necessary support is evident.

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Subpart D—How Does an Individual Apply for a Fellowship?

§ 535.30 How does an individual apply for a fellowship?

(a) An individual shall submit an application for a fellowship to an IHE that has been approved for participation under § 535.20 or § 535.22.

(b) Each participating IHE may establish procedures for receipt of applications from individuals.

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

Subpart E—How Are Fellows Selected?

§ 535.40 How does the Secretary select Fellows?

(a)(1) A participating IHE shall submit names of nominees to the Secretary.

(2) If the IHE has more than one nominee, the IHE shall rank the nominees in order of preference to receive a fellowship.

(b) The Secretary selects new Fellows according to the rank order prepared by the IHE, subject to the maximum number of fellowships designated for that IHE under §§ 535.20 and 535.22.

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§ 535.41 Who may an IHE nominate for fellowships?

(a) In nominating individuals to receive master's and doctoral level fellowships, an IHE shall nominate only individuals who—

(1) Have been accepted for enrollment as full-time students in an approved course of study offered by the IHE;

(2) Have an excellent academic record;

(3) Are proficient in English and, if applicable, another language;

(4) Have experience in providing services to, teaching in, or administering programs for LEP children and youth;

(5) Are planning to enter or return to a career in service to LEP children and youth after completion of their studies;

(6) Are eligible to receive assistance under 34 CFR 75.60 and 75.61; and

(7)(i) Are citizens, nationals, or permanent residents of the United States;

(ii) Are in the United States for other than temporary purposes and can provide evidence from the Immigration and Naturalization Service of their intent to become permanent residents; or

(iii) Are permanent residents of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa, the Virgin Islands, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, or the Republic of Palau.

(b) In nominating individuals to receive post-doctoral fellowships, an IHE shall nominate only individuals who—

(1) Have doctoral degrees in relevant disciplines that qualify those individuals to conduct independent research on educational programs and policies for LEP children and youth; and

(2) Meet the criteria in paragraphs (a)(3) through (7) of this section.

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

§ 535.42 What is the period of a fellowship?

(a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this section, the Secretary may award a fellowship—

(1) For a maximum of two one-year periods to an individual who maintains satisfactory progress in a master's or post-doctoral program of study; and

(2) For a maximum of three one-year periods to an individual who maintains satisfactory progress in a doctoral program of study.

(b) Subject to the availability of funds, and if an IHE provides adequate justification, the Secretary may extend a fellowship beyond the maximum period to a master's or doctoral Fellow who, for circumstances beyond the Fellow's control, is unable to complete the program of study in that period.

(c) A fellowship recipient who seeks assistance beyond the initial one-year