

(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

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period must be renominated by the participating IHE.

(d) Prior to approving nominations of new Fellows, the Secretary may give preference to fellowship recipients in their second or third year who maintain satisfactory progress in the program of study.

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

### Subpart F—What Conditions Must Be Met by Fellows?

#### § 535.50 What is the service requirement for a fellowship?

(a) Upon selection for a fellowship, a Fellow shall sign an agreement, provided by the Secretary, to work for a period equivalent to the period of time that the Fellow receives assistance under the fellowship in an activity—

- (1) (i) Related to the program; or
- (ii) Authorized under part A of title VII of the Act; and
- (2) Approved by the Secretary.

(b) A fellowship recipient shall begin working in an activity specified in paragraph (a) of this section within six months of the date from which—

- (1) The master's or doctoral recipient ceases to be enrolled at an IHE as a full-time student; or
- (2) The post-doctoral recipient completes the project period in the approved program of study.

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

#### § 535.51 What are the requirements for repayment of the fellowship?

(a) A fellowship recipient who does not work in an activity described in § 535.50 shall repay the full amount of the fellowship.

(b) The Secretary prorates the amount a fellowship recipient is required to repay based on the length of time the fellowship recipient worked in an authorized activity compared with the length of time the fellowship recipient received assistance.

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

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#### § 535.52 What is the repayment schedule?

(a) A fellowship recipient required to repay all or part of the amount of the fellowship shall begin repayments—

(1) Within six months of the date the fellowship recipient meets the criteria in § 535.50(b)(1) or (2); or

(2) On a date and in a manner established by the Secretary, if the fellowship recipient ceases to work in an authorized activity.

(b) A fellowship recipient must repay the required amount, including interest, in a lump sum or installment payments approved by the Secretary.

(c) The repayment period may be extended if the Secretary grants a deferment under § 535.54.

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

#### § 535.53 What is the rule regarding interest?

(a) In accordance with 31 U.S.C. 3717, the Secretary charges a fellowship recipient interest on the unpaid balance that the fellowship recipient owes.

(b) No interest is charged for the period of time—

- (1) That precedes the date on which the fellowship recipient is required to begin repayment; or
- (2) During which repayment has been deferred under § 535.54.

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

#### § 535.54 Under what circumstances is repayment deferred?

The Secretary may defer repayment if the fellowship recipient—

(a) Suffers from a serious physical or mental disability that prevents or substantially impairs the fellowship recipient's employability in an activity described in § 535.50;

(b) Demonstrates to the Secretary's satisfaction that the fellowship recipient is conscientiously seeking but is unable to secure employment in an activity described in § 535.50;

(c) In the case of a master's or doctoral fellowship recipient, re-enrolls as a full-time student at an IHE;

(d) Is a member of the Armed Forces of the United States on active duty;

(e) Is in service as a volunteer under the Peace Corps Act; or