

**Subpart B—How Does an Individual Apply for a Fellowship?**

**§ 650.10 How does an individual apply for a fellowship?**

An individual shall apply to the Secretary for a fellowship award in response to an application notice published by the Secretary in the FEDERAL REGISTER.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1134)

**Subpart C—How Are Fellows Selected?**

**§ 650.20 What are the selection procedures?**

(a) The Fellowship Board establishes criteria for the selection of fellows.

(b) Each year the Fellowship Board selects specific fields of study, and the number of fellows in each field (within the humanities, arts and social sciences), for which fellowships will be awarded.

(c) The Fellowship Board, or in the event the Secretary contracts with a non-governmental entity to administer the program, that non-governmental entity, appoints panels of distinguished individuals in each field to evaluate applications.

(d) The Secretary may make awards of the fellowships each year in two or more stages, taking into account at each stage the amount of funds remaining after the level of funding for awards previously made has been established or adjusted.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1134a)

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**Subpart D—What Conditions Must be Met By Fellows?**

**§ 650.30 Where may fellows study?**

A fellow may use the fellowship only for enrollment in a doctoral program at an institution of higher education accredited by an accrediting agency or association recognized by the Secretary, which accepts the fellow for graduate study, and which has agreed

to comply with the provisions of this part applicable to institutions.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1134-1134d)

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**§ 650.31 How does an individual accept a fellowship?**

(a) An individual notified by the Secretary of selection as a fellow shall inform the Secretary of the individual's acceptance in the manner and time prescribed by the Secretary in the notification.

(b) If an individual fails to comply with the provisions of paragraph (a) of this section, the Secretary treats the individual's failure to comply as a refusal of the fellowship.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1134)

**§ 650.32 How does the Secretary withdraw an offer of a fellowship?**

(a) The Secretary withdraws an offer of a fellowship to an individual only if the Secretary determines that the individual submitted fraudulent information on the application.

(b) The Secretary considers the application to contain fraudulent information if the application contains a statement that—

(1) The applicant knows or has reason to know—

(i) Asserts a material fact that is false or fictitious; or

(ii) Is false or fictitious because it omits a material fact that the person making the statement has a duty to include in the statement; and

(2) Contains or is accompanied by an express certification or affirmation of the truthfulness and accuracy of the contents of the statement.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1134b)

**§ 650.33 What is the duration of a fellowship?**

(a) An individual may receive a fellowship for a doctoral degree program of study for a total of 48 months or the time required for receiving the doctoral degree, whichever is less.

(b)(1) An individual may receive a fellowship for no more than 24 months for dissertation work, without the prior approval of the Secretary.

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(2) A fellow may apply to the Secretary for an additional period of fellowship support for dissertation work. The fellow's application must include—

(i) The specific facts detailing the reasons why the additional period of dissertation work support is necessary;

(ii) A certification by the institution that it is aware of the fellow's application and that the fellow has attained satisfactory progress in the fellow's academic studies; and

(iii) A recommendation from the institution that the additional period of fellowship support for dissertation work is necessary.

(c) A fellow who maintains satisfactory progress in the program of study for which the fellowship was awarded may have the fellowship renewed annually for the total length of time described in paragraph (a) of this section.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1134, 1134c)

**§ 650.34 What conditions must be met by fellows?**

In order to continue to receive payments under a fellowship, a fellow shall—

(a) Maintain satisfactory progress in the program for which the fellowship was awarded as determined by the institution of higher education;

(b) Devote essentially full time to study or research in the field in which the fellowship was awarded, as determined by the institution of higher education;

(c) Not engage in gainful employment during the period of the fellowship except on a part-time basis, for the institution of higher education at which the fellowship was awarded, in teaching, research, or similar activities approved by the Secretary; and

(d) Begin study under the fellowship in the academic year specified in the fellowship award.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1134-1134d)

**§ 650.35 May fellowship tenure be interrupted?**

(a) An institution of higher education may allow a fellow to interrupt study for a period not to exceed 12 months, but only if the interruption of study is—

(1) For the purpose of work, travel, or independent study, if the independent study is away from the institution and supportive of the fellow's academic program; and

(2) Approved by the institution of higher education.

(b) A fellow may continue to receive payments during the period of interruption only if the fellow's interruption of study is for the purpose of travel or independent study that is supportive of the fellow's academic program.

(c) A fellow may not receive payments during the period of interruption if the fellow's interruption of study is for the purpose of travel that is not supportive of the fellow's academic program, or work, whether supportive of the fellow's academic program or not.

(d) The Secretary makes a pro rata institutional payment to the institution of higher education in which the fellow is enrolled during the period the fellow receives payments as described in paragraph (b) of this section.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1134)

**§ 650.36 May fellows make changes in institution or field of study?**

After an award is made, a fellow may not make any change in the field of study or institution attended without the prior approval of the Secretary.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1134c)

**§ 650.37 What records and reports are required from fellows?**

Each individual who is awarded a fellowship shall keep such records and submit such reports as are required by the Secretary.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1134c)

**Subpart E—What Are the Administrative Responsibilities of the Institution?**

**§ 650.40 What institutional agreements are needed?**

Students enrolled in an otherwise eligible institution of higher education may receive fellowships only if the institution enters into an agreement