

**Subpart A—General**

**§ 648.1 What is the Graduate Assistance in Areas of National Need program?**

The Graduate Assistance in Areas of National Need program provides fellowships through academic departments of institutions of higher education to assist graduate students of superior ability who demonstrate financial need.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1135, 1135a)

[58 FR 65842, Dec. 16, 1993, as amended at 64 FR 13487, Mar. 18, 1999]

**§ 648.2 Who is eligible for a grant?**

(a) The Secretary awards grants to the following:

(1) Any academic department of an institution of higher education that provides a course of study that—

- (i) Leads to a graduate degree in an area of national need; and
- (ii) Has been in existence for at least four years at the time of an application for a grant under this part.

(2) An academic department of an institution of higher education that—

- (i) Satisfies the requirements of paragraph (a)(1) of this section; and
- (ii) Submits a joint application with one or more eligible nondegree-granting institutions that have formal arrangements for the support of doctoral dissertation research with one or more degree-granting institutions.

(b) A formal arrangement under paragraph (a)(2)(ii) of this section is a written agreement between a degree-granting institution and an eligible non-degree-granting institution whereby the degree-granting institution accepts students from the eligible nondegree-granting institution as doctoral degree candidates with the intention of awarding these students doctorates in an area of national need.

(c) The Secretary does not award a grant under this part for study at a school or department of divinity.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1135, 1135a)

**§ 648.3 What activities may the Secretary fund?**

(a) The Secretary awards grants to institutions of higher education to

fund fellowships in one or more areas of national need.

(b)(1) For the purposes of this part, the Secretary designates areas of national need from the academic areas listed in the appendix to this part or from the resulting inter-disciplines.

(2) The Secretary announces these areas of national need in a notice published in the FEDERAL REGISTER.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1135, 1135a)

**§ 648.4 What is included in the grant?**

Each grant awarded by the Secretary consists of the following:

(a) The stipends paid by the Secretary through the institution of higher education to fellows. The stipend provides an allowance to a fellow for the fellow's (and his or her dependents') subsistence and other expenses.

(b) The institutional payments paid by the Secretary to the institution of higher education to be applied against each fellow's tuition, fees, and the costs listed in § 648.62(b).

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1135c, 1135d)

**§ 648.5 What is the amount of a grant?**

(a) The amount of a grant to an academic department may not be less than \$100,000 and may not be more than \$750,000 in a fiscal year.

(b) In any fiscal year, no academic department may receive more than \$750,000 as an aggregate total of new and continuing grants.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1135)

**§ 648.6 What is the duration of a grant?**

The duration of a grant awarded under this part is a maximum of three annual budget periods during a three-year (36-month) project period.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1135)

**§ 648.7 What is the institutional matching contribution?**

An institution shall provide, from non-Federal funds, an institutional matching contribution equal to at least 25 percent of the amount of the grant received under this part, for the uses indicated in § 648.63.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1135b, 1135c)