

Topical Heading

Postsecondary Improvement

Program Title

Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education

Also Known as

FIPSE; Comprehensive Program; EU-U.S. Atlantis Program; U.S.-Brazil Program; North Atlantic Mobility Program; and U.S.-Russia Program

CFDA # (or ED #)

84.116

Administering Office

Office of Postsecondary Education (OPE)

Who May Apply (by category)

Institutions of Higher Education (IHEs), Nonprofit Organizations, Other Organizations and/or Agencies

Who May Apply (specifically)

A combination of nonprofit institutions, organizations, and other organizations or agencies also may apply.

Current Competitions

FY 2008 application deadlines: May 5, 2008 for the Comprehensive Program (# 84.116B); April 2, 2008, for the European Union-United States Atlantis Program (# 84.116J); April 11, 2008, for the Program for North American Mobility in Higher Education (# 84.116N); April 17, 2008, for the Cooperation and Student Mobility in Higher Education between the United States and Brazil Program (# 84.116M); and mid-July for the U.S.-Russia Program (# 84.116S). See the Department of Education's forecast of funding opportunities Web site at <http://www.ed.gov/fund/grant/find/edlite-forecast.html>, which is updated several times during the year, for details on application deadlines.

Type of Assistance (by category)

Discretionary/Competitive Grants

Appropriations

Fiscal Year 2006	\$21,988,890
Fiscal Year 2007	\$21,988,890
Fiscal Year 2008	\$120,333,397

Note: \$98,909,303 of the FY 2008 appropriation is earmarked for specific Congressional projects, leaving the remaining \$21,424,067 available for discretionary awards.

Fiscal Year 2008 Awards Information

Note: The Department is not bound by any estimates in this notice.

Number of New Awards Anticipated: 45

Average New Award: \$111,000

Range of New Awards: \$400,000–\$560,000 for a three-year project period.

Number of Continuation Awards: 122

Average Continuation Award: \$131,000

Range of Continuation Awards: \$73,000–\$250,000

Legislative Citation

Higher Education Act of 1965 (HEA), as amended, Title VII, Part B; 20 *U.S.C.* 1138–1138d

Program Regulations

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Program Description

The program supports and disseminates innovative reform projects that promise to be models for improving the

quality of postsecondary education and increasing student access. Under FIPSE, the U.S. Department of Education has the flexibility to establish specialized programs to address national needs. As such, in addition to making awards under the Comprehensive Program, in FY 2008, the U.S. Department of Education will support awards under the following specialized competitions: the Program for North American Mobility in Higher Education (# 84.116N), the European Union-United States Atlantis Program (# 84.116J), the Cooperation and Student Mobility in Higher Education Between the United States and Brazil Program (# 84.116M), and the U.S.-Russia Program (# 84.116S).

Types of Projects

Awards are made in a number of areas including: postsecondary education access; retention and completion; student preparation for college; cost-effectiveness; curricula reform, foreign exchange, dual degrees, and others.

Education Level (by category)

Postsecondary

Subject Index

Demonstration Programs, Distance Education, Educational Improvement, Educational Innovation, Foreign Languages, Innovation, Postsecondary Education

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Links to Related Web Sites

www.ed.gov/programs/fipsecomp/index.html