

GAANN Selection Criteria Presentation



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Highlights

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Selection Criteria





Recruitment Plan (5 points)

- Assessment of the applicant's recruitment plan.



Recruitment Plan (continued)

- Provide a plan to identify, recruit, and retain underrepresented groups.
- Provide a plan to identify eligible students for GAANN, taking 648.40 into consideration.
- Highlight past success for recruiting from traditionally underrepresented backgrounds using statistical data to support your claims.
- Highlight past success for enrolling talented graduate students using statistical data to support your claims.



Recruitment Plan (continued)

- GAANN Regulation 648.31:
 - Carefully address how you plan to recruit students from traditionally underrepresented backgrounds.
 - Be realistic when describing you plans for recruiting students from traditionally underrepresented backgrounds.
 - Describe strategies you may already have in place to assist in the retention of students from traditionally underrepresented backgrounds.
 - Use recent statistics and data to provide evidence of your success in recruiting students from traditionally underrepresented backgrounds.



Quality of Key Personnel (5 points)

- Each application will be reviewed to determine the quality of key personnel the applicant plans to use on the project.



Quality of Key Personnel (continued)

- The qualifications of the project director and other key personnel to be used in the project.
 - Applicant should designate either a department chair, graduate program director or other faculty member with leadership responsibilities as the Project Director.
 - Provide narratives regarding the background and experience of the Project Director and other key personnel that will be associated with the GAANN.



Quality of Key Personnel (continued)

- The time commitments of the principal investigator (PI) and other key personnel.
 - GAANN regulations do not provide specific time commitments, however:
 - Most PI's will devote about 10% and the key personnel about 5% to 10% of their academic year to the project.
 - State time commitment as a percentage.



Quality of Key Personnel (continued)

- Applicant should include a statement that will attest to its nondiscrimination employment practices to ensure that personnel are not selected without regards to race, color, national origin, religion, etc.



Budget (5 points)

- The applicant shows a clear understanding of the acceptable uses of program funds; and
- The costs of the project are reasonable in relation to the objectives of the project.



Budget (continued)

- Neither GAANN funds nor the institutional matching funds may be used to pay for overhead.
 - Sec. 648.64, (What are unallowable costs?) of the GAANN Program regulations.
- Both federal GAANN funds and institutional matching funds are strictly for fellowships.



Budget (continued)

- Federal GAANN funds include:
 - The maximum FY 2009 stipend amount is \$30,000.
 - For a fellow's subsistence
 - The FY 2009 institutional payment is \$13,552.
 - For a fellow's tuition and fees



Budget - Stipend

- A fellow's demonstrated level of financial need is determined under Title IV, Part F of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended.
 - GAANN Regulation 648.51 (What is the amount of a stipend?)
- GAANN fellowship is awarded after a student's need is determined.



Budget - Institutional Payment

- Accepted in lieu of charging tuition and fees.
- Refer to Sec. 648.62 (How can the institutional payment be used?) of the GAANN Program regulations.



Matching / Cost-Share

- May be used to provide additional fellowships (fellows' need is to be determined using Title IV, Part F).
- Refer to Sec. 648.63 (How can the institutional matching contribution be used?) of GAANN Program regulations.
- Each budget period the match/cost-share must be at least 25% of federal funds drawn down.



Adequacy of Resources (5 points)

- Offer details about Facilities, Equipment and Supplies specific to the fellow's field of study:
 - Facilities:
 - Laboratory and office space available to fellows
 - Computer Labs
 - Equipment:
 - Specific equipment and/or machines used for research in the project area
 - Laptops/computers available to fellows
 - Supplies:
 - Paper
 - Books

Program Forms





Program Forms

- Found only in the application booklet:
 - GAANN Statutory Assurances Form
 - GAANN Budget Spreadsheet(s) Form
 - Instruction provided in application booklet on how to upload documents.



GAANN Budget Spreadsheet(s) Form Single Disciplinary Programs

- Single Disciplinary Programs
 - Requests funding for one program of study in one of the GAANN areas of need.
 - Must state the Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP) code of the area in which the Master's or Doctoral degree will be awarded.
 - Number of fellowships awarded from federal funds range from three to six.



GAANN Budget Spreadsheet(s) Form Interdisciplinary Programs

- Interdisciplinary Programs
 - Requests funding for a program of study that involves academic fields in two or more disciplines.
 - Must list the Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP) codes in for each of the areas in which the Master's or Doctoral degree will be awarded.



GAANN Budget Spreadsheet(s) Form Multidisciplinary Programs

- **Multidisciplinary Programs:**
 - Consist of two or more programs of study in the GAANN areas of need that are independent and unrelated to each other.
 - Funds are split between the departments that are awarded a GAANN.
 - Use Sections A, B, C, and D of the budget forms.



GAANN Information

- <http://www.ed.gov/programs/gaann/index.html>
- OPE_GAANN_PROGRAM@ED.GOV