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GRADUATE ASSISTANCE IN AREAS OF NATIONAL NEED (GAANN) AND JAVITS FELLOWSHIPS

Goal: To increase the number of persons trained at the highest academic level.	Funding History (\$ in millions)			
	Fiscal Year	Appropriation	Fiscal Year	Appropriation
	1985	\$0	2000	\$51 ¹
	1990	\$24	2001	\$41
Legislation: Javits: Higher Education Act (HEA) of 1965, Title VII, Part A, SubPart 1 (20 U.S.C. 1134-1134d). GAANN: Higher Education Act (HEA) of 1965, Title VII, Part A, SubPart 2 (20 U.S.C. 1135-1135e).	1995	\$34	2002 (Requested)	\$41

¹Javits Fellowships received \$20 million of which \$10 million was designated for fellowships for academic year 2001-02, changing the funding pattern to provide funds in advance of the year in which they will be used.

Program Description

The goal of the Graduate Assistance in Areas of National Need (GAANN) and Javits Fellowships programs is to sustain and enhance the capacity for teaching and research by providing, fellowships to assist graduate and doctoral students of superior ability who demonstrate financial need.

The Javits Fellowships program provides fellowships of up to four years directly to students of superior ability who are pursuing doctoral degrees in the arts, humanities, and social sciences at an institution of their choice. Students pursuing a master's degree in the arts, humanities, and social sciences in fields for which a master's degree is commonly accepted as the highest terminal degree are also eligible. Fellows are selected through a national competition on the basis of demonstrated achievement, financial need, and exceptional promise.

The Javits Fellowship Board establishes program policies, oversees program operations, selects fields of study in which fellowships are to be awarded, determines the criteria for distributing fellowships, and appoints panels to select fellows. The total number of Javits fellows funded for academic years beginning in 1999, 2000, and 2001 respectively is 297 (66 new fellows and 231 NCC fellows), 415 (156 new fellows and 259 NCC fellows), and 350 (30 new fellows and 320 NCC fellows).

Graduate Assistance in Areas of National Need (GAANN) provides fellowships, through grants to postsecondary institutions, to graduate students of superior ability studying in areas selected as the "areas of national need." Graduate degree-granting academic programs of institutions of higher education, and such programs in consortium with non-degree-granting institutions that support doctoral dissertation research, are eligible to compete for awards. Applicants must set forth policies and procedures to ensure that they will seek talented students from traditionally under-represented backgrounds. GAANN, recipients must have excellent academic records, financial need, and plan to pursue the highest degree available in their fields. After consultation with appropriate agencies and organizations, the Secretary of Education designates those fields of study that are considered "areas of national need."

The total number of GAANN fellows funded in 1999, 2000, and 2001 respectively is 944 (all continuing fellows), 1,211 (638 new fellows and 573 NCC fellows), and 1,070 (432 new fellows and 638 NCC fellows).

For more information, please visit the Program Web Site at: <http://www.ed.gov/offices/OPE/HEP/iegps/gaann.html>

Program Performance

OBJECTIVE 1: INCREASE THE NUMBER OF GRADUATE STUDENTS IN AREAS OF NATIONAL NEED, INCLUDING THE NUMBER OF UNDERREPRESENTED GROUPS.

Indicator 1.1 Graduate school completion: There will be an increase in the number of U.S. citizens and permanent residents who receive a GAANN fellowship and obtain a doctorate in an area of national need.

Targets and Performance Data			Assessment of Progress	Sources and Data Quality
Year	Actual Performance	Performance Targets	<p>Status: Data establish baseline.</p> <p>Explanation: For students who received GAANN support and enrolled in a doctoral program in the fall of 1993, 123 (60%) completed a PhD within seven years (by spring of 1999). An additional 35 (17%) advanced to candidacy level and 18 (9%) left the program with a master's degree.</p>	<p>Source: Annual Performance Reports <i>Frequency:</i> Annually. <i>Next collection update:</i> 2001. <i>Date to be reported:</i> 2002.</p> <p>Validation Procedure: Data collected before ED <u>Standards for Evaluating Program Performance Data</u> were developed.</p> <p>Limitations of Data and Planned Improvements: Data are based on performance data from a subset of the grantees.</p>
1999:	60%	Baseline		
2000:	No Data Available	Continuing increase		
2001:		Continuing increase		
2002:		Continuing increase		

Indicator 1.2 Enrollment of targeted populations: The percentage of GAANN fellows from underrepresented groups will increase over time.

Targets and Performance Data							Assessment of Progress	Sources and Data Quality
<i>Percentage of fellows from traditionally underrepresented groups by grantee cohort</i>							<p>Status: No 2000 data are available; progress toward target is unlikely.</p> <p>Explanation: Minority representation among GAANN recipients in 1999 is similar to representation in 1998. The authorizing statute recommends, but does not mandate, that grantees seek individuals from traditionally underrepresented groups when awarding fellowships. However, in addressing the selection criteria, grantees pledge to include students from underrepresented groups.</p>	<p>Source: Annual Performance Reports. <i>Frequency:</i> Annually. <i>Next Update:</i> 2001. <i>Date to be reported:</i> 2002.</p> <p>Validation Procedure: Data collected before ED <u>Standards for Evaluating Program Performance Data</u> were developed.</p> <p>Limitations of Data and Planned Improvements: Data are based on performance data from a subset of the grantees.</p>
Year	Actual Performance*					Performance Targets		
	Alaskan/ Native American Indians	Asian/ Pacific Islander	Black, Non- Hispanic	Hispanic	Women			
1994:	1%	5%	3%	1%	38%			
1995:	0%	7%	5%	4%	36%			
1997:	1%	9%	8%	4%	39%			
1998:	1%	8%	7%	5%	39%	Continuing improvement		
1999:	1%	10%	7%	4%	37%	Continuing improvement		
2000:	No Data Available					Continuing improvement		
2001:						Continuing improvement		
2002:						Continuing improvement		

*Data for all years have been updated to include more comprehensive data now available.

OBJECTIVE 2: TO ENABLE STUDENTS OF SUPERIOR ABILITY IN THE ARTS, HUMANITIES, AND SOCIAL SCIENCES TO COMPLETE THEIR TERMINAL DEGREE.

Indicator 2.1 Graduate school completion: The percentage of Javits fellows who complete a terminal degree within 7 years will increase over time.				
Targets and Performance Data		Assessment of Progress	Sources and Data Quality	
<i>Rates of doctorate attainment by Javits fellows 7 years from enrollment</i>		<p>Status: No 2000 data are available; 1999 target not met.</p> <p>Explanation: The graduation rate within seven years of entering a graduate program for Javits fellows is 26% in 1999. The <u>Survey of Earned Doctorates</u> collects only information on attainment of a doctorate degree. Some Javits fellows pursue programs in fields for which the terminal degree is below the doctorate level; their attainment is not accounted for, resulting in a measure that is biased downward. In addition, it should be noted that the state of the economy (i.e. recession or boom) typically affects persistence in graduate programs.</p>	<p>Source: Program performance reports; Survey of Earned Doctorates, 1999. <i>Frequency:</i> Annually. <i>Next collection date:</i> 2001. <i>Date to be reported:</i> 2002.</p> <p>Validation Procedure: No formal verification procedure applied.</p> <p>Limitations of Data and Planned Improvements: The new Annual Performance Report will require grantees to report completion data on their fellows (thus obtaining completion information on both doctoral programs and those programs where the Master of Fine Arts is the terminal degree).</p>	
Year	Actual Performance			Performance Targets
1998:	30%			
1999:	26%			Continuing improvement
2000:	No Data Available			Continuing improvement
2001:				Continuing improvement
2002:		Continuing improvement		