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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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Office of Postsecondary Education, Fulbright-Hays Faculty Research Abroad Fellowship Program, Fulbright- Hays Group Projects Abroad Program, and Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad Fellowship Program; Notice Inviting Applications for New Awards for Fiscal Year (FY) 2001

Purpose of Programs: (a) The Faculty Research Abroad Fellowship Program

offers opportunities to faculty members of institutions of higher education for research and study in modern foreign languages and area studies.

(b) The Group Projects Abroad Program supports overseas projects in training, research, and curriculum development in modern foreign languages and area studies for groups of teachers, students, and faculty engaged in a common endeavor. Projects may include short-term seminars, curriculum development or group research or study. The program does not support advanced intensive language projects under this competition.

(c) The Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad Fellowship Program provides opportunities for graduate students to engage in full-time dissertation research abroad in modern foreign languages and area studies.

Eligible Applicants: (a) Institutions of higher education are eligible to participate in the Faculty Research Abroad Fellowship Program and the Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad Fellowship Program.

(b) Institutions of higher education, State departments of education, nonprofit private educational organizations, and consortia of these entities are eligible to participate in the Group Projects Abroad Program.

Deadline for Transmittal of Applications: The dates of availability of applications and the deadlines for the transmittal of applications under each of these competitions are indicated in the chart in this notice.

Available Funds: The estimated amount of funds available for new awards under these competitions, as shown in the chart, is based on the Administration's request for these programs for FY 2001. The actual level of funding, if any, is contingent on final congressional action.

CFDA number and name of program	Applications available	Deadline for transmittal of applications	Estimated range of awards	Estimated average size of awards	Estimated number of award	Project period
84.019A—Fulbright-Hays Faculty Research Abroad Fellowship Program.	August 28, 2000 ..	October 27, 2000	\$20,000–\$75,000	\$47,000	30 fellow ships	3–12 months.
84.021A—Fulbright-Hays Group Projects Abroad Program.	September 1, 2000.	October 23, 2000	\$30,000–\$75,000	\$69,000	36	4–6 weeks for short-term seminars and curriculum development projects. 2–12 months for group research or study projects.
84.022A—Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad Fellowship Program.	August 28, 2000 ..	October 27, 2000	\$10,000–\$70,000	\$27,000	115 fellow ships ..	6–12 months.

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

Applicable Regulations: (a) The Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) in 34 CFR parts 74, 75, 77, 80, 81, 82, 85, 86, 97, 98, and 99; and (b) the regulations for these programs as follows: 34 CFR Part 662 governing the Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad Fellowship Program; 34 CFR Part 663 governing the Faculty Research Abroad Fellowship Program; and 34 CFR Part

664 governing the Group Projects Abroad Program.

Priorities

Fulbright-Hays Faculty Research Abroad Fellowship Program and Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad Fellowship Program

Absolute Priority: Under 34 CFR 105(c)(3) and 34 CFR 662.21(d) governing the Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad Fellowship Program and 34 CFR

105(c)(3) and 34 CFR 663.21(d) governing the Fulbright-Hays Faculty Research Abroad Fellowship Program, the Secretary gives an absolute preference to applications that meet the following priority. The Secretary funds only applications that meet this absolute priority:

A research project funded under this priority must focus on one or more of the following areas: Africa, East Asia, Southeast Asia and the Pacific, South Asia, the Near East, East Central Europe

and Eurasia, and the Western Hemisphere (Canada, Central and South America, Mexico, and the Caribbean). Please note that applications that propose projects focused on Western Europe will not be funded.

Group Projects Abroad Program

Absolute Priority: Under 34 CFR 105(c)(3) and 34 CFR 664.34 governing the Fulbright-Hays Group Projects Abroad Program, the Secretary gives an absolute preference to applications that meet the following priority. The Secretary funds only applications that meet this absolute priority:

A group project funded under this priority must focus on one or more of the following areas: Africa, East Asia, South Asia, Southeast Asia and the Pacific, the Western Hemisphere (Central and South America, Mexico, and the Caribbean), East Central Europe and Eurasia, and the Near East. Please note that applications that propose projects focused on Canada or Western Europe will not be funded.

Competitive Priority: Within the absolute priority specified in this notice for the Group Projects Abroad Program, the Secretary gives preference to applications that meet the following competitive priority. Under 34 CFR 75.105(c)(2)(i) and 34 CFR 664.30(b), the Secretary awards up to five points to an application depending upon how well the application meets the priority. These points are in addition to any points the application earns under the selection criteria for the program.

Short-term seminars that develop and improve foreign language and area studies at elementary and secondary schools.

Invitational Priority: Within the absolute priority specified in this notice, the Secretary is particularly interested in applications that meet the following invitational priority. However under 34 CFR 75.105(c)(1) an application that meets this invitational priority does not receive competitive preference over other applications.

Group study projects that provide opportunities for nationally recruited undergraduate students to study in a foreign country for either a semester or a full academic year.

For Applications or Information Contact: Applications for all the programs are available at www.ed.gov/offices/OPE/HEP/iegps/

Faculty Research Abroad Program: Eliza Washington, U.S. Department of Education, International Education and Graduate Programs Service, 1990 K Street, NW, 6th Floor, Washington, DC 20006-8521. Telephone: (202) 502-

7633. The e-mail address for Ms. Washington is: eliza_washington@ed.gov

Group Projects Abroad: Lungching Chiao, U.S. Department of Education, International Education and Graduate Programs Service, 1990 K Street, NW, 6th Floor, Washington, DC 20006-8521. Telephone: (202) 502-7624. The e-mail address for Ms. Chiao is: lungching_chiao@ed.gov

Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad Program: Karla Ver Bryck Block, U.S. Department of Education, International Education and Graduate Programs Service, 1990 K Street, NW, 6th Floor, Washington, DC 20006-8521. Telephone: (202) 502-7632. The e-mail address for Ms. Ver Bryck Block is: karla_verbryckblock@ed.gov

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Office of Management; Performance Review Board; Membership

AGENCY: Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice of Membership of the Performance Review Board (PRB).

SUMMARY: The Secretary announces the names of members of the PRB for the Department of Education. Under 5 U.S.C. 4314(c) (1) through (5), each agency is required to establish one or more Senior Executive Service (SES) PRBs. The PRB reviews and evaluates the initial appraisal of a senior executive's performance along with any comments by senior executives and any higher level executive and makes recommendations to the appointing authority relative to the performance of the senior executive, including making recommendations on performance awards. The PRB also makes recommendations on SES pay level adjustments and recertification.

Membership

The following executives of the Department of Education have been selected to serve on the Performance Review Board of the Department of Education: Willie H. Gilmore, Chair, Judith A. Winston, Co-chair, Philip Link, Thomas Skelly, Ricky Takai, Linda A. Stracke, Danny Harris, Susan Bowers, John Higgins, Steven Winnick, Patricia Guard, Arthur Cole, Mary Jean LeTendre, Robert Belle, Maureen McLaughlin, Sue Betka, Peirce Hammond, Dennis Berry, James Lynch, Linda Paulsen, Claudio Prieto, Katherine Seelman, Carol Rasco, Linda Roberts, Raymond Pierce, Claudia Withers. The following executives have been selected to serve as alternate members of the PRB: Carol Cichowski, John Klenk, Art Love, Craig Luigart, Judith Johnson, Curtis Richards.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Althea Watson, Director, Executive Resources Team, Human Resources Group, Office of Management, Department of Education, Room 2E124, FOB-6, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20202, Telephone: (202) 401-0546. If you use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD), you may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.

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