

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Office of Postsecondary Education; Overview Information: Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad Fellowship Program; Notice Inviting Applications for New Awards for Fiscal Year (FY) 2005

*Catalog of Federal Domestic
Assistance (CFDA) Number:* 84.022A.

Dates:

Applications Available: August 27,
2004.

*Deadline for Transmittal of
Applications:* October 19, 2004.

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higher education (IHE). As part of the
application process, students submit
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However, we are inviting applications to
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process if Congress appropriates funds
for this program.

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Project Period: The institutional
project period is 18 months beginning
July 1, 2005. Students may request
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Full Text of Announcement

I. Funding Opportunity Description

Purpose of Program: The Fulbright-
Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research
Abroad Fellowship Program provides
opportunities to graduate students to
engage in full-time dissertation research
abroad in modern foreign languages and
area studies.

Priority: In accordance with 34 CFR
75.105(b)(2)(ii), this priority is from the
regulations for this program (34 CFR
662.21(d)).

Absolute Priority: For FY 2005 this
priority is an absolute priority. Under 34
CFR 75.105(c)(3) we consider only
applications that meet this priority.

This priority is: A research project
that focuses on one or more of the
following areas: Africa, East Asia,
Southeast Asia and the Pacific Islands,
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.

Program Authority: 22 U.S.C.
2452(b)(6).

Applicable Regulations: (a) The
Education Department General
Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) in
34 CFR parts 74, 75, 77, 81, 82, 84, 85,
86, 97, 98, and 99. (b) The regulations
in 34 CFR part 662.

II. Award Information

Type of Award: Discretionary grants
redistributed, as fellowships to
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2. *Cost Sharing or Matching:* This
program does not require cost sharing or
matching.

IV. Application and Submission Information

1. *Address To Request Application
Package:* Ms. Karla Ver Bryck Block or
Ms. Sara Starke, International Education
Programs Service, U.S. Department of
Education, 1990 K Street, NW., 6th
floor, Washington, DC 20006–8521.
Telephone: (202) 502–7632 or 7688 or
by e-mail: ddra@ed.gov.

If you use a telecommunications
device for the deaf (TDD), you may call
the Federal Information Relay Service
(FIRS) at 1–800–877–8339.

Individuals with disabilities may
obtain a copy of the application package

in an alternative format (e.g., Braille,
large print, audiotape, or computer
diskette) by contacting the program
contact persons listed in this section.

2. *Content and Form of Application
Submission:* Requirements concerning
the content of an application, together
with the forms you must submit, are in
the application package for this
program.

Page Limit: The application narrative
is where the student applicant addresses
the selection criteria that reviewers use
to evaluate the application. The student
applicant must limit the narrative to the
equivalent of 10 pages and the
bibliography to the equivalent of 2
pages, using the following standards:

- A “page” is 8.5” × 11”, on one side
only, with 1” margins at the top, bottom,
and both sides.
- Double space (no more than three
lines per vertical inch) all text in the
application narrative. However, you
may single space all text in charts,
tables, figures, graphs, titles, headings,
footnotes, endnotes, quotations,
bibliography, and captions.
- Use a font that is either 12-point or
larger or no smaller than 10 pitch
(characters per inch).

- You may use a 10-point font in
charts, tables, figures, graphs, footnotes
and endnotes. However, these items are
considered part of the narrative and
counted within the 10 page limit.

The page limit only applies to the
application narrative and bibliography.
However, student applicants must
include their complete responses to the
selection criteria in the application
narrative.

We will reject your application if—

- You apply these standards and
exceed the page limit; or
- You apply other standards and
exceed the equivalent of the page limit.

3. Submission Dates and Times:

Applications Available: August 27,
2004.

*Deadline for Transmittal of
Applications:* October 19, 2004.

Applications for grants under this
program must be submitted
electronically using the Electronic Grant
Application System (e-Application)
available through the Department’s e-
GRANTS system. For information
(including dates and times) about how
to submit your application
electronically through the e-GRANTS
system or to request a waiver of the
electronic submission requirement,
please refer to Section IV. 6. *Procedures
for Submitting Applications* in this
notice.

We do not consider an application
that does not comply with the deadline
requirements.

4. *Intergovernmental Review*: This program is not subject to Executive Order 12372 and the regulations in 34 CFR part 79.

5. *Funding Restrictions*: We reference regulations outlining funding restrictions in the *Applicable Regulations* section of this notice.

6. *Procedures for Submitting Applications*: We are requiring that applications for grants under this program be submitted electronically, unless the applicant IHE requests a waiver of this requirement in accordance with the instructions in this section.

a. Electronic Submission of Applications

Applications for grants under the Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad Fellowship Program—CFDA Number 84.022A must be submitted electronically using e-Application available through the Department's e-GRANTS system. The e-GRANTS system is accessible through its portal page at: <http://e-grants.ed.gov>.

- The process for submitting applications electronically under the Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad Fellowship Program has several parts. The following is a brief summary of the process; however, all applicants should review and follow the detailed description of the application process that is contained in the application package. In summary, the major parts are as follows: (1) IHEs must e-mail the following information to ddra@ed.gov: Name of university, full name and e-mail address of potential project director. We recommend that applicant IHEs submit this information as soon as possible to ensure that applicant IHEs obtain access to the e-Application system well before the application deadline date. We suggest that applicant IHEs send this information no later than September 30, 2004, in order to facilitate timely submission of their applications; (2) Students complete their individual applications and submit them to their IHE's project director using e-Application; (3) Persons providing references for individual students complete and submit reference forms for the students and submit them to the IHE's project director using e-Application; and (4) The IHE's project director officially submits the IHE's application, which includes all eligible individual student applications, reference forms, and other required forms, using e-Application. Student transcripts, however, must be mailed or hand delivered to the Department on or before the application deadline date

using the applicable mail or hand delivery instructions for paper applications in this notice.

Unless a waiver of the electronic submission requirement has been requested by the applicant IHE in accordance with the procedures in this section, except for student transcripts, all portions of the application must be submitted electronically.

If the applicant IHE is unable to submit an application through the e-GRANTS system, the applicant IHE must submit a written request for a waiver of the electronic submission requirement. In its request, the applicant IHE should explain the reason or reasons that prevent it from using the Internet to submit its application. The applicant IHE should address its request to: Ms. Karla Ver Bryck Block or Ms. Sara Starke, International Education Programs Service, U.S. Department of Education, 1990 K Street, NW., 6th floor, Washington, DC 20006–8521. Please submit the request no later than two weeks before the application deadline date. The applicant IHE's paper application must be submitted in accordance with the mail or hand delivery instructions described in this notice.

If, within two weeks of the application deadline date, the applicant IHE is unable to submit an application electronically, it must submit a paper application in accordance with the mail or hand delivery instructions described in this notice. The paper application must include a written request for a waiver documenting the reasons that prevented the applicant IHE from using the Internet to submit its application.

When using e-Application to complete their parts of the application, individual students, persons providing references and the applicant IHE will be entering data online. Do not e-mail an electronic copy of any part of a grant application to us. The data that is entered online will be saved into a database.

If the applicant IHE participates in e-Application, please note the following:

- The applicant IHE must submit its grant application electronically through the Internet using the software provided on the e-Grants Web site (<http://e-grants.ed.gov>) by 4:30 p.m., Washington, DC time, on the application deadline date. The regular hours of operation of the e-Grants Web site are 6 a.m. Monday until 7 p.m. Wednesday; and 6 a.m. Thursday until midnight Saturday, Washington, DC time. Please note that the system is unavailable on Sundays, and after 7 p.m. on Wednesdays for maintenance, Washington, DC time. Any modifications to these hours are

posted on the e-Grants Web site. We strongly recommend that applicant IHEs do not wait until the application deadline date to initiate an e-Application package.

- An applicant IHE will not receive additional point value because it submits the application in electronic format, nor will we penalize the applicant IHE if it requests a waiver and submits the application in paper format because the applicant IHE was prevented from submitting the application electronically as required.

- The applicant IHE must submit all documents, except for student transcripts, electronically, including the Application for Federal Education Assistance (ED 424) and all necessary assurances and certifications.

- Student transcripts must be mailed or hand delivered to the Department on or before the application deadline date in accordance with the applicable mail or hand delivery instructions for paper applications described in this notice.

- The e-Application must comply with any page limit requirements described in this notice.

- After the individual student applicant electronically submits his/her application to his/her IHE, the student will receive an automatic acknowledgement. In addition, the applicant IHE's Project Director will receive a copy of this acknowledgement by e-mail. After a person submits a reference electronically, he/she will receive an online confirmation. After the applicant IHE submits its application, including all eligible individual student applications, to the Department, the applicant IHE will receive an automatic acknowledgement, which will include a PR/Award number (an identifying number unique to the IHE's application).

- Within three working days after the applicant IHE submits its electronic application, it must fax a signed copy of the Application for Federal Education Assistance (ED 424) to the Application Control Center after following these steps:

1. Print ED 424 from e-Application.
2. The applicant IHE's Authorizing Representative must sign this form.
3. Place the PR/Award number in the upper right hand corner of the hard copy signature page of the ED 424. Fax the signed ED 424 to the Application Control Center at (202) 245–6272.

- We may request that the applicant IHE give us original signatures on other forms at a later date. *Application Deadline Date Extension in Case of System Unavailability*: If the applicant IHE is prevented from submitting its application on the application deadline

date because the e-Application system is unavailable, we will grant the applicant IHE an extension of one business day in order to transmit its application electronically, by mail, or by hand delivery. We will grant this extension if:

1. The applicant IHE's Project Director is a registered user of e-Application and has initiated an e-Application for this competition; and

2. (a) The e-Application system is unavailable for 60 minutes or more between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., Washington, DC time, on the application deadline date; or

(b) The e-Application system is unavailable for any period of time during the last hour of operation (that is, for any period of time between 3:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m., Washington, DC time) on the application deadline date.

We must acknowledge and confirm these periods of unavailability before granting the applicant IHE an extension. To request this extension or to confirm our acknowledgement of any system unavailability, the applicant IHE may contact either (1) The person listed elsewhere in this notice under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** (see VII. Agency Contact) or (2) the e-GRANTS help desk at 1-888-336-8930.

Individual students, persons providing referrals and applicant IHEs may access the parts of the electronic grant application that they must complete at: <http://e-grants.ed.gov>.

b. Submission of Paper Applications by Mail

If the applicant IHE has requested a waiver of the electronic submission requirement, it may mail (through the U.S. Postal Service or a commercial carrier) its paper application to the Department. The original and two copies of the application must be mailed on or before the application deadline date to the following address: U.S. Department of Education, Application Control Center, Attention: (CFDA Number 84.022A), 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20202.

The applicant IHE must show proof of mailing consisting of one of the following:

1. A legibly dated U.S. Postal Service Postmark;
2. A legible mail receipt with the date of mailing stamped by the U.S. Postal Service;
3. A dated shipping label, invoice, or receipt from a commercial carrier; or
4. Any other proof of mailing acceptable to the U.S. Secretary of Education.

If the applicant IHE mails the application through the U.S. Postal Service, please note that we do not

accept either of the following as proof of mailing:

1. A private metered postmark, or
2. A mail receipt that is not dated by the U.S. Postal Service.

If the applicant IHE's application is post marked after the application deadline date, we will notify the applicant IHE that we will not consider the application.

Note: Applicants should note that the U.S. Postal Service does not uniformly provide a dated postmark. Before relying on this method, applicants should check with their local post office.

c. Submission of Paper Applications by Hand Delivery

If the applicant IHE has requested a waiver of the electronic submission requirement, it (or a courier service) may deliver the paper application to the Department by hand. The original and two copies of the applicant IHE's application must be hand-delivered on or before the application deadline date to the following address: U.S. Department of Education, Application Control Center, Attention: (CFDA Number 84.022A), 550 12th Street, SW., Room 7041, Potomac Center Plaza, Washington, DC 20202-4260. The Application Control Center accepts deliveries daily between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Washington, DC time, except Saturdays, Sundays, and Federal holidays. A person delivering an application must show identification to enter the building.

Note for Mail or Hand Delivery of Paper Applications: If the applicant IHE mails or hand delivers its application to the Department:

1. It must indicate on the envelope and—if not provided by the Department—in Item 4 of the Application for Federal Education Assistance (ED 424 (exp. 11/30/2004)) the CFDA number—and suffix letter, if any—of the competition under which it is submitting the application.
2. The Application Control Center will mail a Grant Application Receipt Acknowledgment to the applicant IHE. If the applicant IHE does not receive the notification of application receipt within 15 days from the mailing of its application, the applicant IHE should call the U.S. Department of Education Application Control Center at (202) 245-6288.

V. Application Review Information

1. **Selection Criteria:** The selection criteria for this program are in 34 CFR 662.21.

VI. Award Administration Information

1. **Award Notices:** If your application is successful, we notify your U.S. Representative and U.S. Senators and send you a Grant Award Notification

(GAN). We may also notify you informally.

If your application is not evaluated or not selected for funding, we notify you.

2. **Administrative and National Policy Requirements:** We identify administrative and national policy requirements in the application package and reference these and other requirements in the *Applicable Regulations* section of this notice.

We reference the regulations outlining the terms and conditions of an award in the *Applicable Regulations* section of this notice and include these and other specific conditions in the GAN. The GAN also incorporates your approved application as part of your binding commitments under the grant.

3. **Reporting:** At the end of the project period, the grantee institution must submit a final performance report, including the final reports of all of the grantee institution's fellows, and financial information, as directed by the Secretary. The grantee institution and fellows are required to use the electronic reporting system Evaluation of Exchange, Language, International and Area Studies (EELIAS) system to complete the final report.

4. **Performance Measures:** The following performance measure has been developed to evaluate the overall effectiveness of the Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad Fellowship Program—The improvement of language proficiency of fellows. All grantees will be expected to provide documentation of the improved language proficiency of the fellows through the EELIAS system.

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VIII. Other Information

Electronic Access to This Document: You may view this document, as well as all other documents of this Department published in the **Federal Register**, in text or Adobe Portable Document

Format (PDF) on the Internet at the following site: <http://www.ed.gov/news/fedregister>.

To use PDF you must have Adobe Acrobat Reader, which is available free at this site. If you have questions about using PDF, call the U.S. Government Printing Office (GPO), toll free, at 1-888-293-6498; or in the Washington, DC, area at (202) 512-1530.

Note: The official version of this document is the document published in the **Federal Register**. Free Internet access to the official edition of the **Federal Register** and the Code of Federal Regulations is available on GPO Access at: <http://www.gpoaccess.gov/nara/index.html>.

Dated: August 18, 2004.

Sally L. Stroup,

Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act of 2000; Revision to List of Covered Facilities

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of revision of listing of covered facilities.

SUMMARY: Periodically, the Department of Energy ("Department" or "DOE") publishes a list of facilities covered under the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act of 2000 ("Act"), Title 36 of Public Law 106-398 (66 FR 4003; 66 FR 31218). The Act establishes a program to provide compensation to individuals who developed illnesses as a result of their employment in nuclear weapons production-related activities and at certain federally owned facilities in which radioactive materials were used. This notice revises the previous lists and provides additional information about the covered facilities, atomic weapons employers, and beryllium vendors. The original notice provides detailed background information about this matter. Previous lists were published on July 21, 2003, December 27, 2002, June 11, 2001, and January 17, 2001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Office of Worker Advocacy, 1-877-447-9756.

ADDRESSES: The Department welcomes comments on this list. Individuals who wish to suggest changes should provide information to: Office of Worker Advocacy (EH-8), U.S. Department of

Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585; e-mail: worker_advocacy@eh.doe.gov; toll free: 1-877-447-9756; URL: <http://www.eh.doe.gov/advocacy/>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose

The Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act of 2000 ("Act"), Title 36 of Public Law 106-398, establishes a program to provide compensation to individuals who developed illnesses as a result of their employment in nuclear weapons production-related activities and at certain federally owned facilities in which radioactive materials were used. On December 7, 2000, the President issued Executive Order 13179 ("Order") directing the Department of Energy ("Department" or "DOE") to list covered facilities in the **Federal Register**. This notice revises the previous lists and provides additional information about the covered facilities, atomic weapons employers, and beryllium vendors.

Section 2.c.iv of the Order instructs the Department to designate, pursuant to sections 3621(4)(B) and 3622 of the Act, atomic weapons employers (AWE's). In addition, Section 2.c.vii of the Order instructs the Department to list three types of facilities defined in the Act:

- (1) Atomic weapons employer facilities, as defined in section 3621(4);
- (2) Department of Energy facilities, as defined by section 3621(12); and
- (3) Beryllium vendors, as defined by section 3621(6).

Compensation options and mechanisms are defined differently for each of these facility categories. The atomic weapons employer category includes atomic weapons employer facilities in which the primary work was not related to atomic weapons, and consequently these facilities are not commonly known as atomic weapons facilities. Their inclusion in this list is consistent with the Act, and is not intended as a classification for any other purpose.

The list at the end of this notice represents the Department's best efforts to date to compile a list of facilities under these three categories. This listing includes 363 facilities in 46 jurisdictions. Today's publication of the list newly designates General Electric's X-ray Division in Milwaukee, WI as an AWE, and additionally designates the Nevada Site Office as a DOE facility. It also alters slightly the designation for Blockson Chemical (broadens it by saying "building 55 and related activities" which is meant to include the AEC-funded laboratory, pilot plant

and oxidation process). Other corrections include: B&T Metals (OH) (the DOE designation was in error and has been removed), Foote Mineral (PA) (the BE designation has been on the program's Web site (noted below) since inception, but was inadvertently missing from the **Federal Register** notice), Swenson Evaporator (is located in Harvey, not Chicago, IL) and C.H. Schnorr, PA (previously Schnoor). This notice also deletes the listing for Ledoux (NY) entirely because it was learned that no radioactivity was used at that location.

In addition to continuing its research efforts, the Department has developed information dissemination mechanisms to make facility-specific data available to the public. Information about each listed facility, including the dates and type of work done there, is available by contacting the Office of Worker Advocacy. These descriptions are available in print form and also electronically (via the World Wide Web at <http://tis.eh.doe.gov/advocacy/>).

The list that follows covers facilities under the three categories of employers defined by the Act: atomic weapons employers ("AWE"), Department of Energy facilities ("DOE"), and beryllium vendors ("BE"). Each of the categories has been defined in the original notice and include:

1. Atomic Weapons Employers and Atomic Weapons Employer Facilities

The lines between research, atomic weapons production, and non-weapons production are often difficult to draw. For the purposes of this notice, and as directed by the Act, only those facilities whose work involved radioactive material that was connected to the atomic weapons production chain are included. This includes facilities that received radioactive material that had been used in the production of an atomic weapon, or the "back end" of the production cycle, such as waste handling or reprocessing operations. For the purposes of this listing, the Department considers commercial nuclear fuel fabrication facilities to be covered facilities for those periods when they either supplied radioactive materials to the Department or received radioactive materials that had been used in the Department's production reactors.

Corporate information regarding many of the listed facilities is often not readily available. The Department welcomes comments or additional information regarding facilities that may have supported atomic weapons production that are not on this list, as well as information that clarifies the work done at facilities named below.