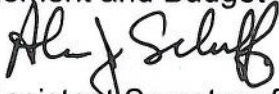



MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20006

DATE : JAN 22 2010

TO : Sharon Mar
Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs
Office of Management and Budget

THROUGH : Alan J. Schiff 
Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Higher
Education Programs
Office of Postsecondary Education

FROM : Richard LaPointe 
Director
International Education Programs Service (IEPS)

SUBJECT : Request for OMB Approval of the Application Forms and
Instructions for Grants under the International Research and
Studies (IRS) Program

The Office of Postsecondary Education requests that you submit the IRS program grant application package for Department and OMB approval. OPE requests approval of this information collection so that IEPS can establish a closing date for receipt of fiscal year (FY) 2011 applications, conduct the peer review, and make new awards by May 30, 2011.

The IRS program has two schedules, research, surveys, and studies (84.017A-1) and instructional materials (84.017A-3). The schedules have separate applications with different selection criteria. However, the information collection and supporting statement are combined for the program.

Form OMB 83-1 parts 1 and 2 and the required supporting documents are attached.

We ask that you review our request at your earliest convenience, so that we can conduct our grant making activities on schedule.

Attachments: Supporting Statement
Information Collection Data Parts I and II
FY 2011 IRS Applications