

**FY XXXX
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NATIONAL RESOURCE CENTERS PROGRAM
AND
FOREIGN LANGUAGE AND AREA STUDIES FELLOWSHIPS PROGRAM**

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Dear Applicant:

Thank you for your interest in applying for a Fiscal Year (FY) XXXX grant under the National Resource Centers (NRC) program (Assistance Listing Number 84.015A), the Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship (FLAS) program (Assistance Listing Number 84.015B), or both programs. The application booklet includes information about the programs and the instructions and forms required to submit a complete application package to the U.S. Department of Education (Department).

A hallmark of the NRC and FLAS programs is breadth and depth in training that contributes to meeting the national need for individuals with expertise in modern languages and area or international studies. This expertise is required to respond to the demands not only for careers in education, defense, intelligence, and diplomacy, but also for a wide range of 21st-century workforce needs, including health sciences, STEM, economics, and information technology.

Grants awarded under the NRC program enable institutions of higher education (IHEs) or consortia of IHEs to establish, strengthen, or operate comprehensive or undergraduate centers that will be national resources for modern foreign language training in combination with research and training in area studies, international studies, or the international aspects of professional studies.

Grants awarded under the FLAS program provide allocations of fellowships to IHEs or consortia of IHEs to assist meritorious students enrolled in performance-based language training and area studies, international studies, or the international aspects of professional studies.

We strongly recommend that you read the entirety of the application booklet before you begin preparing your proposal. In addition to the application instructions, we call your attention to the following information about the FY XXXX NRC and FLAS competition:

- There are two Absolute Priorities and one Competitive Preference Priority for the FY XXXX NRC competition.

Absolute Priority 1:

Applications that provide (1) an explanation of how the activities funded by the grant will reflect diverse perspectives and a wide range of views and generate debate on world regions and international affairs; and (2) a description of how the applicant will encourage government service in areas of national need, as identified by the Secretary, as well as in areas of need in the education, business, and non-profit sectors.

Absolute Priority 2:

Applications that provide for teacher training activities on the language, languages, area studies, or thematic focus of the Center.

Competitive Preference Priority – Partnership with Minority-Serving Institutions (MSIs) or Community Colleges (up to 5 points):

Under this priority, an applicant must demonstrate that the project will be implemented by or in partnership with one or more of the following entities:

1. Community colleges
2. Historically Black Colleges and Universities.
3. Tribal Colleges and Universities
4. Minority-Serving Institutions

Please see the FY XXXX Notice Inviting Applications for the definitions of these entities.

- There are two Competitive Preference Priorities for the FY XXXX FLAS competition.

Competitive Preference Priority 1 – FLAS Fellowships for Students who Demonstrate Financial Need (0 or 5 points):

Applications that propose to give preference when awarding fellowships to undergraduate students, graduate students, or both, who demonstrate financial need as indicated by the students' expected family contribution, as determined under Part F of Title IV of the HEA. This need determination will be based on the students' financial circumstances and not on other aid.

Competitive Preference Priority 2 – Academic Year FLAS Fellowships Awarded in the Less Commonly Taught Languages (0 or 5 points):

Applications that propose to award at least 25 percent of academic year FLAS fellowships in modern foreign languages other than French, German, and Spanish.

The FY XXXX Notice Inviting Applications (NIAs) published in the *Federal Register* on [INSERT DATE] is the official guidance for these competitions. Applicants should not rely upon any information that is inconsistent with the official notice. We recommend establishing a timeline that allows you to submit your application at least three (3) days prior to the closing date and time. Allowing sufficient lead time is essential because the time to upload an application varies, depending on the size of your application and the speed of your internet connection.

You may view additional information about the NRC and FLAS programs at:

<https://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ope/iegps/index.html>.

We appreciate your efforts to promote excellence in international education and look forward to receiving your application.

Sincerely,

/signed/

Sarah T. Beaton

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Privacy Notice

Authorities: The following authorities authorize the collection of this information: 2 CFR § 200.207, under which the Federal awarding agency may only use application information collections approved by OMB under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 and OMB's implementing regulations in 5 CFR part 1320 and in alignment with OMB-approved, governmentwide data elements available from the OMB-designated standards lead; 34 CFR § 655.30, which details the basis on which the U.S. Department of Education (Department) may evaluate applications for international education programs; and the Education Department General Administrative Requirements (EDGAR) and Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA) of 1993, which outline performance reporting requirements that are contingent on the collection of data from centers selected to receive funding under the National Resource Centers (NRC) and Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowship grant programs.

Purpose: The purpose of collecting this information is to execute a merit review process for applications, with the objective of selecting recipients most likely to be successful in delivering results based on the NRC and FLAS program objectives. Collected information will also be used in monitoring grant implementation and performance.

Disclosures: Information about NRC and FLAS applicant institutions and associated staff will be shared with individuals selected to serve as peer reviewers during the NRC and FLAS panel review process. Readers who serve on the peer review panels are selected based on their expertise in the specialized area studies, international studies, and modern foreign language(s) necessary to effectively review, score, and rank the applications assigned to them. Project abstracts as well as Project Director names and email addresses for institutions selected to receive funding will be shared on the Department's website. While other individual information will not be disclosed outside of the International and Foreign Language Education (IFLE) office, there may be circumstances where information may be shared with a third party, such as a Freedom of Information Act request, court orders or subpoena, or if a breach or security incident occurs that affects grant record systems, etc.

Consequences of Failure to Provide Information: Individuals representing the NRC and FLAS institution are required to provide the information identified above to obtain an account on the Department's G5 grant management system and IFLE's International Resource Information System (IRIS) project monitoring website. Failure to do so may result in not receiving an account.

COMPETITION HIGHLIGHTS

1. You may read more about the priorities listed in the cover letter in the Notice Inviting Applications (NIA) on pages pp. 24-62. You are urged to read the NIA carefully before preparing your application.

2. The Application (Project) Narrative

The Application (Project) Narrative is where you, the applicant address the selection criteria that peer reviewers will use to evaluate your application. The NIA contains the recommended standards for preparing the Application (Project) Narrative.

The recommended maximum number of pages for the Application (Project) Narrative is **50 pages** for an application submitted by a single institution. The recommended maximum number of pages for the Application (Project) Narrative for an application submitted by a consortium is **60 pages**.

3. Abstract

The recommended maximum number of pages for the project abstract is two pages. The abstract should include an overview of the project, its goals, and the intended outcomes. Also, for application screening purposes, indicate which competitive preference priority/ies you will address in the Application (Project) Narrative. Do not, however, include your response to the priority/ies *in the abstract*. While it is useful to cite progress and accomplishments made under previous NRC and/or FLAS grants, be advised that the abstract primarily should focus on the activities and project goals proposed for the next four years.

4. Estimated Funding Amounts

These are estimated amounts for FY XXXX. The Department is not bound by these amounts.

- **National Resource Centers Program**

Estimated available funds: \$23,709,231

Estimated range of awards: \$188,000 - \$270,000 per year

Estimated average size of awards: \$215,000 per year

Estimated number of awards: 100

Project period: 48 months

(August 15, XXXX – August 14, XXXX)

- **Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowships Program**

Estimated available funds: \$31,236,116

Estimated range of awards: \$154,500 - \$351,000 per year
Estimated average size of awards: \$202,500 per year
Estimated number of institutional awards: 100

Project period: 48 months
(August 15, XXXX – August 14, XXXX)

FLAS Institutional Payments and Subsistence Allowances

Note: *An institution may award a fellowship for the duration of one academic year or one summer session, provided the student meets the FLAS eligibility requirements.*

Academic Year Fellowships

| Academic Year Undergraduate | Academic Year Graduate |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Institutional Payment: \$10,000 | Institutional Payment: \$18,000 |
| Subsistence Allowance: \$5,000 | Subsistence Allowance: \$20,000 |
| Total AY/UG: \$15,000 | Total AY/G: \$38,000 |

Summer Fellowships (Undergraduate and Graduate)

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| Institutional Payment: \$5,000 |
| Subsistence Allowance: \$2,500 |
| Total Summer/ UG and G: \$7,500 |

OVERVIEW: NATIONAL RESOURCE CENTERS PROGRAM (NRC)

AUTHORIZATION

20 U.S.C. 1122.

APPLICABLE REGULATIONS

- (a) The Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) in 34 CFR parts 75, 76, 77, 79, 82, 84, 86, 97, 98, and 99.
- (b) The Office of Management and Budget Guidelines to Agencies on Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension (Nonprocurement) in 2 CFR part 180, as adopted and amended as regulations of the Department in 2 CFR part 3485.
- (c) The Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards in 2 CFR part 200, as adopted and amended as regulations of the Department in 3474.
- (d) The regulations for this program in 34 CFR parts 655 and 656.
- (e) The Secretary's Final Supplemental Priorities and Definitions for Discretionary Grant Programs published in the Federal Register on December 10, 2021 (86 FR 70612).

PURPOSE

The NRC Program provides grants to institutions of higher education and consortia of such institutions to establish, strengthen, and operate comprehensive and undergraduate foreign language and area or international studies centers to serve as national resources for (a) teaching of any modern foreign language; (b) instruction in fields needed to provide full understanding of areas, regions, or countries in which the modern foreign language is commonly used; (c) research and training in international studies and international and foreign language aspects of professional and other fields of study; and (d) instruction and research on issues in world affairs that concern one or more countries.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

An institution of higher education or a consortium of institutions of higher education is eligible to receive a grant.

ALLOWABLE ACTIVITIES

A grant may be used to pay all or part of the cost of establishing or operating a center or program, including the cost of--

- (A) teaching and research materials;
- (B) curriculum planning and development;
- (C) establishing and maintaining linkages with overseas institutions of higher education and other organizations that may contribute to the teaching and research of the center or program;
- (D) bringing visiting scholars and faculty to the center to teach or to conduct research;
- (E) professional development of the center's faculty and staff;

(F) projects conducted in cooperation with other centers addressing themes of world regional, cross-regional, international, or global importance;

(G) summer institutes in the United States or abroad designed to provide language and area studies training in the center's field or topic; and

(H) support for faculty, staff, and student travel in foreign areas, regions, or countries, and for the development and support of educational programs abroad for students.

THE EXPECTATIONS OF AN NRC, PER THE PROGRAM REGULATIONS

A comprehensive or an undergraduate National Resource Center—

(a) Teaches at least one modern foreign language;

(b) Provides—

(1) Instruction in fields necessary to provide a full understanding of the areas, regions, or countries in which the modern foreign language taught is commonly used;

(2) Resources for research and training in international studies, and the international and foreign language aspects of professional and other fields of study; or

(3) Instruction and research on issues in world affairs that concern one or more countries;

(c) Provides outreach and consultative services on a national, regional, and local basis;

(d) Maintains linkages with overseas institutions of higher education and other organizations that may contribute to the teaching and research of the Center;

(e) Maintains important library collections;

(f) Employs faculty engaged in training and research that relates to the subject area of the Center;

(g) Conducts projects in cooperation with other centers addressing themes of world, regional, cross-regional, international, or global importance;

(h) Conducts summer institutes in the United States or abroad designed to provide language and area training in the Center's field or topic;

(i) Supports instructors of the less commonly taught languages; and

(j) Encourages projects that support students in the science, technology, engineering, and mathematics fields to achieve foreign language proficiency.

SCOPE OF TRAINING AND INSTRUCTION

Grants may be awarded to Centers that-

(a) Focus on—

(1) A single country or on a world area (such as East Asia, Africa, or the Middle East) and offer instruction in the principal language or languages of that country or area and those disciplinary fields necessary to provide a full understanding of the country or area; or

(2) International studies or the international aspects of contemporary issues or topics (such as international business or energy) while providing instruction in modern foreign languages; and

(b) Provide training at the—

(1) Graduate, professional, and undergraduate levels, as a **comprehensive** Center; or

(2) Undergraduate level only, as an **undergraduate** Center.

TYPES OF CENTERS

Comprehensive Center means a Center that—

- (1) Contributes significantly to the national interest in advanced research and scholarship;
- (2) Offers *intensive language instruction;
- (3) Maintains important library collections related to the area of its specialization;
- (4) Makes training available to a graduate, professional, and undergraduate clientele; and
- (5) Engages in curriculum development and community outreach

**Intensive language instruction* means instruction of at least five contact hours per week during the academic year or the equivalent of a full academic year of language instruction during the summer (§656.7(e)).

Undergraduate Center means a center that-

- (1) Contributes significantly to the national interest through the education of students who matriculate into advanced language and area studies programs or professional school programs;
- (2) Incorporates substantial international and foreign language content into baccalaureate degree program;
- (3) Makes training available predominantly to undergraduate students; and
- (4) Engages in research, curriculum development, and community outreach.

OVERVIEW: FOREIGN LANGUAGE AND AREA STUDIES FELLOWSHIPS PROGRAM (FLAS)

AUTHORIZATION

20 U.S.C. 1122

APPLICABLE REGULATIONS

- (a) The Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) in 34 CFR parts 75, 76, 77, 79, 82, 84, 86, 97, 98, and 99.
- (b) The Office of Management and Budget Guidelines to Agencies on Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension (Nonprocurement) in 2 CFR part 180, as adopted and amended as regulations of the Department in 2 CFR part 3485.
- (c) The Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards in 2 CFR part 200, as adopted and amended as regulations of the Department in 3474.
- (d) 34 CFR parts 655 and 657.
- (e) The notice of final priorities for this program published in the *Federal Register* on May 30, 2014 (79 FR 31031).

PURPOSE

The FLAS Program allocates academic year and summer fellowships to institutions of higher education (IHEs) and consortia of such institutions to assist meritorious undergraduate and graduate students receiving modern foreign language training in combination with area studies, international studies, or the international aspects of professional studies. FLAS fellowships may also assist graduate students engaged in predissertation-level study, preparation for dissertation research, dissertation research abroad, or dissertation writing.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

An institution of higher education or a consortium of institutions of higher education is eligible to receive a grant.

FLAS INSTITUTIONAL ELIGIBILITY

- (a) The Secretary awards an allocation of fellowships to an institution of higher education or to a consortium of institutions of higher education that—
 - (1) Operates a Center or program approved by the Secretary under this part;
 - (2) Teaches modern foreign languages under a program described in paragraph (b) of this section; and
 - (3) In combination with the teaching described in paragraph (a) (2) of this section—
 - (i) Provides instruction in the disciplines needed for a full understanding of the area, regions, or countries in which the foreign languages are commonly used; or
 - (ii) Conducts training and research in international studies, the international aspects of professional and other fields of study, or issues in world affairs that concern one or more countries.

(b) In teaching those modern foreign languages for which an allocation of fellowships is made available, the institution must be either using a program of performance-based training or developing a performance-based training program.

(c) The Secretary uses the criteria in §657.21 both to approve Centers and programs for the purpose of receiving an allocation of fellowships and to evaluate applications for an allocation of fellowships.

(d) An institution does not need to receive a grant under the NRC Program (34 CFR part 656) to receive an allocation of fellowships.

TYPE/DURATION OF FELLOWSHIPS

An institution may award a fellowship to an eligible student for one academic year or one summer session, if the summer session provides the fellow with the equivalent of one academic year of modern foreign language study.

ELIGIBLE PARTICIPANTS

Citizens, nationals, or permanent residents of the United States accepted for enrollment or enrolled in an institution receiving an allocation of fellowships, who are (1) in a program that combines modern foreign language training with area or international studies or research and training in the international aspects of professional and other fields of study, (2) showing potential for high academic achievement based on such indices as grade point average, class ranking, or similar measures that the institution may determine, (3) enrolled in a program of modern foreign language training in a language for which the institution has developed or is developing performance-based instruction, and (4) undergraduate students in the intermediate or advanced study of a less commonly taught language, or graduate students engaged in pre-dissertation study, preparation for dissertation research, dissertation research abroad, or dissertation writing.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

1. The Application (Project) Narrative is where you, the applicant, respond to the program selection criteria. The full text of the selection criteria used to evaluate FLAS applications are included in the FY XXXX NIA published in Federal Register. The selection criteria are from 34 CFR section 657.21 (FLAS applicants) and may be found on pages 32-38. The list of selection criteria (by headings) and the maximum possible points may be found on page 69. When responding to the selection criteria in the Application (Project) Narrative, please use the selection criteria order as they are presented in the Technical Review Form (TRF). Please be advised that the selection criteria in the TRF are drawn from the program regulations.

2. **Applications must include the following:**
 - Application for Federal Assistance (Form SF-424)
 - Budget Information (Non-Construction Programs) ED 524 Form
 - Grants.gov Certification Regarding Lobbying
 - Description to demonstrate compliance with the General Education Provisions Act (ED GEPA 427 Form)
 - ED Project Abstract Form
 - Application (Project) Narrative and Appendices
 - Table of Contents
 - List of Acronyms
 - Narrative
 - List of Courses that include language courses and courses with 25%-100% related international or area studies content
 - XXXX-XXXX: Courses and enrollments
 - XXXX-XXXX: Courses currently being offered
 - XXXX-XXXX: Courses to be offered
 - Position descriptions for positions related to the grant
 - Curriculum vitae for program director, faculty, and instructors
 - Letters of support (recommended maximum: 5)
 - Budget Narrative ED 524 (Section C) Form/Detailed line-item budget
 - Other Attachments
 - Application Profile Sheet
 - Description of diverse perspectives and wide range of views in funded activities
 - Description of government service in areas of national need and in other employment sectors
 - Disclosure of Lobbying Activities (SF-LLL)

3. **Recommended Start Date**

The Department recommends a start date of August 15, XXXX.

4. Peer Review Process

A three-member panel of independent reviewers with area studies and world language expertise evaluates each application. Each reviewer provides their scores and comments to indicate the extent to which the applicant has responded to the FLAS selection criteria.

5. Notifying Successful Applicants

If your application is successful, we notify your U.S. Representative and U.S. Senators and send you a Grant Award Notification (GAN); or we may send you an email containing a link to access an electronic version of your GAN. The email will be sent to both the project director and certifying representative in order for them to view and print the Adobe Acrobat version of the electronically- signed GAN. If neither the project director nor certifying representative is registered in G5, they will immediately be prompted to register once the link is accessed. Because the Department issues signed GANs electronically, it is important that the email addresses provided for the project director and the certifying representative are correct.

6. Notifying Ineligible or Unsuccessful Applicants

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

7. Peer Reviewers' Technical Review Forms (TRFs)

A blank version of the TRF is available in this booklet for your reference. All applicants will receive copies of the peer reviewers' completed TRFs (evaluations).

8. Reporting Requirements

If you receive a FY XXXX new grant award, you will be required to submit performance reports in the fall and spring, and a final performance and financial status report at the end of the project period. All performance reports for the NRC program and the FLAS program must be submitted electronically into the IFLE web-based reporting system, International Resource Information System (IRIS). This online system collects narrative, data, and budget information about funded projects to enable IFLE program officers to determine whether grantees are making substantial progress toward approved project objectives. For more information about IRIS and to view the reporting instructions, please go to

<https://www2.ed.gov/programs/iegpsnrc/performance.html>

<https://www2.ed.gov/programs/iegpsflas/performance.html>

In addition to the FLAS institutional and student performance reports, pre-and post-evaluations of FLAS recipients' speaking skills are also required. The evaluation that the language instructor is required to administer is also accessible in IRIS.

9. Diverse Perspectives and Areas of National Need

The Title VI International Education Programs legislation ((20 U.S.C §1122(e)) requires that each institution of higher education or consortium of such institutions desiring a

grant under the NRC and/or FLAS programs shall include the following descriptions in their grant applications:

- An explanation of how the activities funded by the grant will reflect diverse perspectives and a wide range of views and generate debate on world regions and international affairs; and
- A description of how the applicant will encourage government service in areas of national need, as identified by the Secretary, as well as areas of need in education, business, and non-profit sectors.

Note: If an application is submitted on behalf of a consortium, the application must include diverse perspectives and areas of national need descriptions for all institutions in the consortium.

10. Consultation with Federal Agencies

Section 601(c)(1) of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (HEA) requires that the Secretary consult with Federal agency heads to receive their recommendations regarding areas of national need for expertise in foreign languages and world regions. These agencies' recommendations may be viewed on this web page:

<https://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ope/iegps/languageneeds.html>

11. Contact Information

For FLAS program-related questions and assistance, please contact:

Timothy Duvall
U.S. Department of Education
International and Foreign Language Education
400 Maryland Avenue SW, Room 2B225
Washington, DC 20202
Telephone: (202) 453-7521
Email: NRC-FLAS@ed.gov

For Grants.gov-related questions and assistance, please contact:

Grants.gov Support Desk
Telephone: (800) 518-4726
Email: support@grants.gov
Hours: 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, except Federal holidays

If you use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) or a text telephone (TTY), call the Federal Relay Service (FRS), toll free, at 1-800-877-8339.

12. Address to Request Application Package

For the addresses for obtaining and submitting an application, please refer to our Common Instructions for Applicants to Department of Education Discretionary Grant

Programs, published in the Federal Register on February 13, 2019 (84 FR 3768) and available at:

www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2019-02-13/pdf/2019-02206.pdf

13. Accessible Format

On request to the program contact person listed under Contact Information above, individuals with disabilities can obtain this document and a copy of the application package in an accessible format. The Department will provide the requestor with an accessible format that may include Rich Text Format (RTF) or text format (txt), a thumb drive, an MP3 file, braille, large print, audiotape, compact disc, or other accessible format.

APPLICATION PROFILE FORM

NATIONAL RESOURCE CENTERS | Assistance Listing Number 84.015A
 FOREIGN LANGUAGE AND AREA STUDIES FELLOWSHIPS | Assistance Listing Number 84.015B
 (www.Grants.gov: Other Attachments Form)

Type of Application *(check one)*

- NRC and FLAS
 NRC only
 FLAS only

If Applying for NRC *(check one)*

- Comprehensive NRC
 Undergraduate NRC

Federal Funds Requested *(complete only for program(s) requested)*

| Program | Year 1 | Year 2 | Year 3 | Year 4 |
|-------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| NRC | | | | |
| FLAS | | | | |

Type of Applicant

- Single institution _____
 Consortium of institutions
 - Lead _____
 - Partner 1 _____
 - Partner 2 _____
 - Partner 3 _____

World Region Focus:

An application may focus on a single country or on a world area or on international studies or the international aspects of contemporary issues or topics (see 34 CFR Part 656, §656.4).

- | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Africa <input type="checkbox"/> East Asia <input type="checkbox"/> International <input type="checkbox"/> Middle East <input type="checkbox"/> Pacific Islands <input type="checkbox"/> Pan Asia | <input type="checkbox"/> Russia, Eastern Europe, Eurasia <input type="checkbox"/> South Asia <input type="checkbox"/> Southeast Asia <input type="checkbox"/> Western Europe <input type="checkbox"/> Western Hemisphere (Canada, Latin America, Caribbean) |
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FLAS-Eligible Languages

Complete only if applying for Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowships under Assistance Listing Number 84.015B.

A FLAS-eligible language marked “Y” means that the language is currently available at three instructional levels (beginner, intermediate, advanced) and students can apply for fellowships. Languages marked “Y” should be substantiated by the list of courses and the faculty biographical information.

You may request FLAS eligibility for additional languages at any time during the 4-year grant cycle by submitting the justification, course descriptions, and the instructor’s CV.

| Language | Eligible Now? (Y/N) |
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GRANTS.GOV SUBMISSION PROCEDURES AND TIPS FOR APPLICANTS

IMPORTANT - PLEASE READ FIRST

All applicants are required to submit applications electronically using Grants.gov.

To facilitate your use of Grants.gov, this document includes important submission procedures you need to be aware of to ensure your application is received in a timely manner and accepted by the Department of Education.

BROWSER SUPPORT

The latest versions of Microsoft Internet Explorer (IE), Mozilla Firefox, Google Chrome, and Apple Safari are supported for use with Grants.gov. However, these web browsers undergo frequent changes and updates, so we recommend you have the latest version when using Grants.gov. Legacy versions of these web browsers may be functional, but you may experience issues.

For additional information or updates, please see the Grants.gov Browser information in the Applicant FAQs: <http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/applicants/applicant-faqs.html#browser>

ATTENTION - Workspace, Adobe Forms and PDF Files

Grants.gov applicants can apply online using Workspace. Workspace is a shared, online environment where members of a grant team may simultaneously access and edit different web forms within an application. For each funding opportunity announcement (FOA), you can create individual instances of a workspace.

Below is an overview of applying on Grants.gov. For access to complete instructions on how to apply for opportunities, refer to: <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/applicants/workspace-overview.html>.

- 1) Create a Workspace: Creating a workspace allows you to complete it online and route it through your organization for review before submitting.
- 2) Complete a Workspace: Add participants to the workspace to work on the application together, complete all the required forms online or by downloading PDF versions, and check for errors before submission. The Workspace progress bar will display the state of your application process as you apply. As you apply using Workspace, you may click the blue question mark icon near the upper-right corner of each page to access context-sensitive help.
 - a. Adobe Reader: If you decide not to apply by filling out web forms you can download individual PDF forms in Workspace. The individual PDF forms can be downloaded and saved to your local device storage, network drive(s), or external drives, then accessed through Adobe Reader.

NOTE: Visit the Adobe Software Compatibility page on Grants.gov to download the appropriate version of the software at:

<https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/applicants/adobe-software-compatibility.html>.

b. Mandatory Fields in Forms: In the forms, you will note fields marked with an asterisk and a different background color. These fields are mandatory fields that must be completed to successfully submit your application.

c. Complete SF-424 Fields First: The forms are designed to fill in common required fields across other forms, such as the applicant name, address, and DUNS Number. Once it is completed, the information will transfer to the other forms.

- 3) **Submit a Workspace:** An application may be submitted through workspace by clicking the Sign and Submit button on the Manage Workspace page, under the Forms tab. Grants.gov recommends submitting your application package at least 24-48 hours prior to the close date to provide you with time to correct any potential technical issues that may disrupt the application submission.
- 4) **Track a Workspace Submission:** After successfully submitting a workspace application, a Grants.gov Tracking Number (GRANTXXXXXXXX) is automatically assigned to the application. The number will be listed on the Confirmation page that is generated after submission. Using the tracking number, access the Track My Application page under the Applicants tab or the Details tab in the submitted workspace.

For additional training resources, including video tutorials, refer to <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/applicants/applicant-training.html>.

Helpful Reminders

- 1) **REGISTER EARLY** – Grants.gov registration involves many steps including registration on SAM (www.sam.gov) which may take approximately one week to complete, but could take upwards of several weeks to complete, depending upon the completeness and accuracy of the data entered into the SAM database by an applicant. You may begin working on your application while completing the registration process, but you cannot submit an application until all of the Registration steps are complete. Please note that once your SAM registration is active, it will take 24-48 hours for the information to be available in Grants.gov, and before you can submit an application through Grants.gov. For detailed information on the Registration Steps, please go to: <http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/register.html> [Note: Your organization will need to update its SAM registration annually.]

Primary information about SAM is available at www.sam.gov. However, to further assist you with obtaining and registering your DUNS number and TIN in SAM or updating your existing SAM account the Department of Education has prepared a SAM.gov Tip Sheet which is available at: <http://www2.ed.gov/fund/grant/apply/sam-faqs.html>.

- 2) **SUBMIT EARLY** – **We strongly recommend that you do not wait until the last day to submit your application. Grants.gov will put a date/time stamp on your application**

and then process it after it is fully uploaded. The time it takes to upload an application will vary depending on a number of factors including the size of the application and the speed of your Internet connection, and the time it takes Grants.gov to process the application will vary as well. If Grants.gov rejects your application (see step three below), you will need to resubmit successfully to Grants.gov before 11:59:59 p.m. Eastern Time on the deadline date.

Note: To submit successfully, you must provide the DUNS number on your application that was used when you registered as an Authorized Organization Representative (AOR) on Grants.gov. This DUNS number is typically the same number used when your organization registered with the SAM. If you do not enter the same DUNS number on your application as the DUNS you registered with, Grants.gov will reject your application.

- 3) **VERIFY SUBMISSION IS OK** – You will want to verify that Grants.gov received your application submission on time and that it was validated successfully. To see the date/time your application was received, login to Grants.gov and click on the Track My Application link. For a successful submission, the date/time received should be earlier than 11:59:59 p.m. Eastern Time, on the deadline date, AND the application status should be: Validated, Received by Agency, or Agency Tracking Number Assigned. Once the Department of Education receives your application from Grants.gov, an Agency Tracking Number (PR/award number) will be assigned to your application and will be available for viewing on Grants.gov’s Track My Application link.

If the date/time received is later than 11:59:59 p.m. Eastern Time, on the deadline date, your application is late. If your application has a status of “Received” it is still awaiting validation by Grants.gov. Once validation is complete, the status will either change to “Validated” or “Rejected with Errors.” If the status is “Rejected with Errors,” your application has not been received successfully. Some of the reasons Grants.gov may reject an application can be found on the Grants.gov site:

<http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/applicants/encountering-error-messages.html>. For more detailed information on troubleshooting Adobe errors, you can review the Adobe Reader Software Tip Sheet at: <http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/applicants/adobe-software-compatibility.html>. If you discover your application is late or has been rejected, please see the instructions below. Note: You will receive a series of confirmations both online and via e-mail about the status of your application. Please do not rely solely on e-mail to confirm whether your application has been received timely and validated successfully.

Submission Problems – What Should You Do?

If you have problems submitting to Grants.gov before the closing date, please contact Grants.gov Customer Support at 1-800-518-4726 or email at: support@grants.gov or access the Grants.gov Self-Service Knowledge Base web portal at: <https://grantsportal.psc.gov/Welcome.aspx?pt=Grants>.

If electronic submission is required, you must submit an electronic application before 11:59:59 p.m. Eastern Time, unless you follow the procedures in the *Federal Register* notice and qualify for one of the exceptions to the electronic submission requirement and submit, no later than two weeks before the application deadline date, a written statement to the Department that you qualify for one of these exceptions. If electronic submission is optional and you have problems that you are unable to resolve before the deadline date and time for electronic applications, please follow the transmittal instructions for hard copy applications in the *Federal Register* notice and get a hard copy application postmarked by midnight on the deadline date. (See the *Federal Register* notice for detailed instructions.)

Helpful Hints When Working with Grants.gov

Please go to <http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/support.html> for help with Grants.gov. For additional tips related to submitting grant applications, please refer to the Grants.gov Applicant FAQs found at this Grants.gov link: <http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/applicants/applicant-faqs.html> as well as additional information on Workspace at <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/applicants/applicant-faqs.html#workspace>.

Dial-Up Internet Connections

When using a dial up connection to upload and submit your application, it can take significantly longer than when you are connected to the Internet with a high-speed connection, e.g., cable modem/DSL/T1. While times will vary depending upon the size of your application, it can take a few minutes to a few hours to complete your grant submission using a dial up connection. **If you do not have access to a high-speed connection and electronic submission is required, you may want to consider following the instructions in the *Federal Register* notice to obtain an exception to the electronic submission requirement no later than two weeks before the application deadline date.** (See the *Federal Register* notice for detailed instructions.)

Attaching Files – Additional Tips

Please note the following tips related to attaching files to your application:

- When you submit your application electronically, you must upload any narrative sections and all other attachments to your application as files in either Portable Document Format (PDF) or Microsoft Word. Although applicants have the option of uploading any narrative sections and all other attachments to their application in either PDF or Microsoft Word, we recommend applicants submit all documents as read-only flattened PDFs, meaning any fillable PDF files must be saved and submitted as non-fillable PDF files and not as interactive or fillable PDF files, to better ensure applications are processed in a more timely, accurate, and efficient manner.
- Grants.gov cannot process an application that includes two or more files that have the same name within a grant submission. Therefore, each file uploaded to your application package should have a unique file name.
- When attaching files, applicants should follow the guidelines established by Grants.gov on the size and content of file names. Uploaded file names must be fewer than 50 characters, and, in general, applicants should not use any special characters. However, Grants.gov does allow for the following UTF-8 characters

when naming your attachments: A-Z, a-z, 0-9, underscore, hyphen, space, period, parenthesis, curly braces, square brackets, ampersand, tilde, exclamation point, comma, semi colon, apostrophe, at sign, number sign, dollar sign, percent sign, plus sign, and equal sign. Applications submitted that do not comply with the Grants.gov guidelines will be rejected at Grants.gov and not forwarded to the Department.

- Applicants should limit the size of their file attachments. Documents submitted that contain graphics and/or scanned material often greatly increase the size of the file attachments and can result in difficulties opening the files. For reference, the average discretionary grant application package with all attachments is less than 5 MB. Therefore, you may want to check the total size of your package before submission.

DUNS Number and SAM

Data Universal Numbering System Number, Taxpayer Identification Number, and System for Award Management

To do business with the Department, and to submit your application electronically using *Grants.gov*, you must—

- Have a Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number and a Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN);
- Register both your DUNS number and TIN with the System for Award Management (SAM.gov), the Government's primary registrant database;
- Provide your DUNS number and TIN on your application; and,
- Maintain an active SAM registration with current information while your application is under review by the Department and, if you are awarded a grant, during the project period.

You can obtain a DUNS number from Dun and Bradstreet at the following website:

<http://fedgov.dnb.com/webform>. A DUNS number can be created within one to two business days.

If you are a corporate entity, agency, institution, or organization, you can obtain a TIN from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). If you are an individual, you can obtain a TIN from the IRS or the Social Security Administration. If you need a new TIN, please allow two to five weeks for your TIN to become active.

The SAM registration process can take approximately seven business days, but may take upwards of several weeks, depending on the completeness and accuracy of the data that you enter into the SAM.gov database. Thus, if you think you might want to apply for Federal financial assistance under a program administered by the Department, please allow sufficient time to obtain and register your DUNS number and TIN. We strongly recommend that you register early.

Note: Once your SAM.gov registration is active, it may be 24 to 48 hours before you can access the information in, and submit an application through, Grants.gov.

If you are currently registered with SAM.gov, you may not need to make any changes. However, please make certain that the TIN associated with your DUNS number is correct. Also note that you will need to update your registration annually. This may take three or more business days.

Information about SAM is available at www.SAM.gov. To further assist you with obtaining and registering your DUNS number and TIN in SAM.gov or updating your existing SAM account, we have prepared a SAM.gov Tip Sheet, which you can find at: <http://www2.ed.gov/fund/grant/apply/sam-faqs.html>.

In addition, in order to submit your application via *Grants.gov*, you must (1) register as an applicant using your DUNS number; and (2) be designated by your organization's E-Biz Point of Contact as an Authorized Organization Representative (AOR).

Details on these steps are outlined at the following *Grants.gov* web page: <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/register.html>.

Application Deadline Date Extension in Case of Technical Issues with the Grants.gov System

If you experience problems submitting your application through Grants.gov, please contact the Grants.gov Support Desk immediately, toll-free, at 1-800-518-4726. The Grants.gov Support Desk will provide you with a ticket number documenting your communication. You must retain your ticket number for future reference as proof of your communication with the Support Desk. Please subsequently contact the person listed in the FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT section in the competition NIA and provide an explanation of the technical problem you experienced with Grants.gov, along with the Grants.gov Support Desk Case Number.

If you are prevented from electronically submitting your application on the application deadline date because of technical problems within the Grants.gov system, we will grant you an extension until 11:59:00 p.m. Eastern Time the following business day to enable you to transmit your application electronically, provided we can verify the technical issues affected your ability to submit your application on time via your Grants.gov Support Desk Case Number.

Note: The extensions to which we refer in this section apply only to technical problems with the Grants.gov system. We will not grant you an extension if you failed to fully register in order to submit your application to Grants.gov (including with the required DUNS number and TIN currently registered in SAM) before the application deadline date and time or if the technical problem you experienced is unrelated to the Grants.gov system.

SUBMISSION OF PAPER APPLICATIONS IF ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION IS NOT POSSIBLE

We discourage paper applications, but if electronic submission is not possible (e.g., you do not have access to the internet), you must provide a written statement that you intend to submit a paper application. Send this written statement no later than two weeks before the application deadline date (14 calendar days, or, if the fourteenth calendar day before the application deadline date falls on a Federal holiday, the next business day following the Federal holiday).

If you mail your written statement to the Department, it must be postmarked no later than two weeks before the application deadline date. Please send this statement to the contact listed in the For Further Information Contact section of the competition NIA.

If you submit a paper application, you must mail the original and two copies of your application, on or before the application deadline date, to the Department at the following address:

**U.S. Department of Education
Application Control Center
Attention: (Assistance Listing Number 84.015A and/or 84.015B)
LBJ Basement Level 1
400 Maryland Avenue SW
Washington, DC 20202-4260**

You 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.
- 4) Any other proof of mailing acceptable to the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Education.

If you mail your application through the U.S. Postal Service, we do not accept either of the following as proof of mailing:

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

Note: *The U.S. Postal Service does not uniformly provide a dated postmark. Before relying on this method, you should check with your local post office.*

We will not consider applications postmarked after the application deadline date.

Note for Mail Delivery of Paper Applications: If you mail your application to the Department—

- 1) You must indicate on the envelope and in Item 11 of the SF-424 the Assistance Listing Number, including suffix letter, if any, of the competition under which you are submitting your application; and

- 2) The Application Control Center will mail to you a notification of receipt of your grant application. If you do not receive this grant notification within 15 business days from the application deadline, you should call the Application Control Center at (202) 245-6288.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Applications for New Awards; National Resource Centers Program for Foreign Language and Area Studies or Foreign Language and International Studies and Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowships Program

AGENCY: Office of Postsecondary Education, Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Education is issuing a notice inviting applications for fiscal year (FY) 2026 for the National Resource Centers (NRC) Program, Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) number 84.015A, and the Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowships (FLAS) Program, Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) number 84.015B.

DATES:

Applications Available: [INSERT DATE].

Deadline for Transmittal of Applications: [INSERT DATE].

Deadline for Intergovernmental Review: [INSERT DATE].

ADDRESSES: For the addresses for obtaining and submitting an application, please refer to our Common Instructions for Applicants to Department of Education Discretionary Grant Programs, published in the *Federal Register* on [INSERT DATE]

[INSERT FR CITATION] and available at [INSERT LINK].

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Timothy Duvall, U.S. Department of Education, International and Foreign Language Education, 400 Maryland Avenue SW, Room 2B225, Washington, DC 20202. Telephone: (202) 453-7521. Email: NRC-FLAS@ed.gov.

If you use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) or a text telephone (TTY), call the Federal Relay Service (FRS), toll free, at 1-800-877-8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Full Text of Announcement

I. Funding Opportunity Description

Purpose of Programs:

National Resource Centers Program

The NRC Program provides grants to institutions of higher education (IHEs) or consortia of IHEs to establish, strengthen, and operate comprehensive and undergraduate centers that will be national resources for: (a) teaching of modern foreign languages; (b) instruction in fields needed to provide a full understanding of world regions where the modern foreign languages are used; (c) research and training in international studies and international and foreign language aspects of professional and other fields of study; and (d) instruction and research on issues in world affairs.

Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowships Program

The FLAS Program allocates academic year and summer fellowships to IHEs and consortia of IHEs to assist meritorious undergraduate and graduate students receiving modern foreign language training in combination with area studies, international studies, or the international aspects of professional studies. FLAS fellowships may also assist graduate students engaged in predissertation level study, preparation for dissertation research, dissertation research abroad, or dissertation writing.

Priorities: This notice contains two absolute priorities and two competitive preference priorities for the NRC Program. Absolute Priority 1 is from section 602(e) of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (HEA) (20 U.S.C. 1122(e)). Absolute Priority 2 is from the program regulations (34 CFR 656.23). The competitive preference priorities are from the notice of final priorities for the NRC Program published in the *Federal Register* on May 30, 2014 (79 FR 31028). This notice also contains two competitive preference priorities for the FLAS Program. Competitive Preference Priority 1 is from the program regulations (34 CFR 657.22) and Competitive Preference Priority 2 is from the notice of final priorities for the FLAS Program published in the *Federal Register* on May 30, 2014 (79 FR 31031).

NRC Program

Absolute Priorities: For FY 2026, these priorities are absolute priorities for the NRC Program. Under 34 CFR 75.105(c)(3), we consider only applications that meet these priorities.

These priorities are:

Absolute Priority 1.

Applications that provide (1) an explanation of how the activities funded by the grant will reflect diverse perspectives and a wide range of views and generate debate on world regions and international affairs; and (2) a description of how the applicant will encourage government service in areas of national need, as identified by the Secretary, as well as in areas of need in the education, business, and non-profit sectors.

Absolute Priority 2.

Applications that provide for teacher training activities on the language, languages, area studies, or thematic focus of the Center.

Competitive Preference Priorities: For FY 2026, these priorities are competitive preference priorities. Under 34 CFR 75.105(c)(2) (i), we award up to an additional five points depending on how well the application meets Competitive Preference Priority 1, and up to an additional five points depending on how well the application meets Competitive Preference Priority 2. An application may receive a total of up to 10 additional points under the competitive preference priorities.

These priorities are:

Competitive Preference Priority 1--Collaboration with Minority-Serving Institutions (MSIs) or Community Colleges (up to 5 points).

Applications that propose significant and sustained collaborative activities with one or more Minority-Serving Institutions (MSIs) (as defined in this notice) and/or with one or more community colleges (as defined in this notice). These activities must be designed to incorporate international, intercultural, or global dimensions into the curriculum of the MSI(s) or community college(s), and to improve foreign language, area, and intercultural studies or international business instruction at the MSI(s) or community college(s). If an applicant institution is an MSI or a community college, that institution may propose intra-campus collaborative activities instead of, or in addition to, collaborative activities with other MSIs or community colleges.

For the purpose of this priority:

Community college means an institution that meets the definition in section 312(f) of the HEA (20 U.S.C. 1058(f)); or an institution of higher education as defined in section 101 of the HEA (20 U.S.C. 1001) that awards degrees and certificates, more than 50 percent of which are not bachelor's degrees (or an equivalent) or master's, professional, or other advanced degrees.

Minority-Serving Institution (MSI) means an institution that is eligible to receive assistance under sections 316 through 320 of part A of title III, under part B of title III, or under title V of the HEA.

The institutions designated eligible under title III and title V may be viewed at the following link:

www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ope/idues/eligibility.html.

Competitive Preference Priority 2--Collaborative Activities with Teacher Education Programs (up to 5 points).

Applications that propose collaborative activities with units such as schools or colleges of education, schools of liberal arts and sciences, post-baccalaureate teacher education programs, teacher education programs, and teacher preparation programs on or off the NRC campus. These collaborative activities are designed to support the integration of an international, intercultural, or global dimension and world languages into teacher education, and/or to promote the preparation and credentialing of more foreign language teachers in less commonly taught languages (LCTLs) for which there is a demand for additional teachers to meet existing and expected future kindergarten through grade 12 language program needs.

FLAS Program

Competitive Preference Priorities: For FY 2026, these priorities are competitive preference priorities. Under 34 CFR 75.105(c)(2)

(i), we award up to an additional five points depending on how well the application meets Competitive Preference Priority 1, and up to an additional five points depending on how well the application meets Competitive Preference Priority 2. An application may receive a total of up to 10 additional points under the competitive preference priorities.

Competitive Preference Priority 1--FLAS Fellowships for Students who Demonstrate Financial Need (up to 5 points).

Applications that propose to give preference when awarding fellowships to undergraduate students, graduate students, or both, who demonstrate financial need as indicated by the students' expected family contribution, as determined under part F of title IV of the HEA. This need determination will be based on the students' financial circumstances and not on other aid.

The applicant must describe how it will ensure that all fellows who receive such preference show potential for high academic achievement based on such indices as grade point average, class ranking, or similar measures that the institution may determine.

Competitive Preference Priority 2--Academic Year FLAS Fellowships Awarded in the Less Commonly Taught Languages (up to 5 points).

Applications that propose to award at least 25 percent of academic year FLAS fellowships in modern foreign languages other than French, German, and Spanish.

Note: Under 34 CFR 657.22(a), the Secretary may designate specific languages as a priority for the allocation of fellowships. For FLAS Competitive Preference Priority 2, we took into consideration the findings in the recent Modern Language Association of America (MLA) survey¹ of fall 2016 undergraduate and graduate enrollments in language courses at 2,547 postsecondary institutions in the United States. Of 1,417,921 total enrollments, the three most-studied modern foreign languages included Spanish with 712,240 enrollments or 50 percent; French with 175,667 enrollments or 12 percent; and German with 80,594 enrollments or 6 percent. Together, these three languages represented 968,501 or 68 percent of enrollments. Other languages, with 34,830 enrollments, constituted 25 percent of enrollments for the same period.

The findings in the MLA survey are consistent with the definition of LCTLs used by the Center for Advanced Research on Language Acquisition (CARLA).² CARLA defines LCTLs as “all of

¹ Modern Language Association of America, “Enrollments in Languages Other Than English in United States Institutions of Higher Education, Summer 2016 and Fall 2016: Preliminary Report” (February 2018) (p. 13).

² Center for Advanced Research on Language Acquisition, University of Minnesota, available at www.carla.umn.edu.

the world's languages except English, French, German, and Spanish."

Program Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1122.

Applicable Regulations: (a) The Education Department General Administrative Regulations in 34 CFR parts 75, 76, 77, 79, 82, 84, 86, 97, 98, and 99. (b) The Office of Management and Budget Guidelines to Agencies on Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension (Nonprocurement) in 2 CFR part 180, as adopted and amended as regulations of the Department in 2 CFR part 3485. (c) The Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards in 2 CFR part 200, as adopted and amended as regulations of the Department in 2 CFR part 3474. (d) The regulations in 34 CFR parts 655, 656, and 657. (e) The notices of final priorities for these programs published in the *Federal Register* on May 30, 2014 (79 FR 31028, 79 FR 31031).

Areas of National Need: In accordance with section 601(c) of the HEA (20 U.S.C. 1121(c)), the Secretary consulted with a wide range of Federal agencies and received recommendations regarding national need for expertise in foreign language and world regions. These agencies' recommendations may be viewed on this web page:

<https://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ope/iegps/languageneeds.html>.

Diverse Perspectives and Areas of National Need: Section 602(e) of the HEA requires that each IHE or consortium of IHEs include the following information in NRC grant applications:

(1) An explanation of how the activities funded by the grant will reflect diverse perspectives and a wide range of views and generate debate on world regions and international affairs; and

(2) A description of how the applicant will encourage government service in areas of national need, as identified by the Secretary, as well as in areas of need in the education, business, and non-profit sectors.

II. Award Information

Type of Award: Discretionary grants.

Estimated NRC Available Funds: \$23,709,231.

Contingent upon the availability of funds and the quality of applications, we may make additional awards in FYs 2023, 2024, and 2025 from the list of unfunded applications from this competition.

Estimated Range of Awards: \$188,000-\$270,000 per year.

Estimated Average Size of Awards: \$215,000 per year.

Estimated Number of Awards: 100.

Estimated FLAS Available Funds: \$31,236,116.

Contingent upon the availability of funds and the quality of applications, we may make additional awards in FYs 2023, 2024,

and 2025 from the list of unfunded applications from this competition.

Estimated Range of Awards: \$154,500-\$351,000 per year.

Estimated Average Size of Awards: \$202,500 per year.

Estimated Number of Awards: 100.

FLAS Fellowship Subsistence Allowances: The subsistence allowance for a graduate student academic year fellowship is \$15,000; the subsistence allowance for an undergraduate student academic year fellowship is \$5,000. The subsistence allowance for a summer fellowship is \$2,500 for graduate and undergraduate students.

FLAS Fellowship Institutional Payments: The subsistence allowance for a graduate student academic year fellowship is \$20,000; the subsistence allowance for an undergraduate student academic year fellowship is \$5,000. The subsistence allowance for a summer fellowship is \$2,500 for graduate and undergraduate students.

FLAS Fellowship Institutional Payments: The institutional payment for a graduate student academic year fellowship is \$18,000; the institutional payment for an undergraduate student academic year fellowship is \$10,000. The institutional payment for a summer fellowship is \$5,000 for graduate and undergraduate students.

Note: The Department is not bound by any estimates in this notice. The estimated range and average size of awards are based on a single 12-month budget period.

Project Period: Up to 48 months.

III. Eligibility Information

Eligible Applicants: IHEs (as defined in section 101 of the HEA (20 U.S.C. 1001)) or consortia of IHEs.

2. Eligible Participants: A student is eligible to receive a fellowship if the student—

(a)(1) Is a citizen or national of the United States; or (2) Is a permanent resident of the United States;

(b) Is accepted for enrollment or is enrolled—

(1) In an institution receiving an allocation of fellowships; and

(2) In a program that combines modern foreign language training with (i) area or international studies; or (ii) research and training in the international aspects of professional and other fields of study;

(c) Shows potential for high academic achievement based on such indices as grade point average, class ranking, or similar measures that the institution may determine;

(d) Is enrolled in a program of modern foreign language training in a language for which the institution has developed or is developing performance-based instruction;

(e) In the case of an undergraduate student, is in the intermediate or advanced study of a less commonly taught language; and

(f) In the case of a graduate student, is engaged in-

- (1) Predissertation-level study;
- (2) Preparation for dissertation research;
- (3) Dissertation research abroad; or
- (4) Dissertation writing.

3. a. Cost Sharing or Matching: This program does not require cost sharing or matching.

b. Administrative Cost Limitation: This program does not allow administrative expenses.

4. Subgrantees: Under 34 CFR 75.708(b) and (c), a grantee under the FLAS Program may not award subgrants to entities to directly carry out project activities described in its application.

5. Other: (a) Reasonable and Necessary Costs: Applicants must ensure that all costs included in the proposed budget are necessary and reasonable to meet the goals and objectives of the proposed project. Any costs determined by the Secretary to be unreasonable or unnecessary will be removed from the final approved budget.

(b) Audits: (i) A non-Federal entity that expends \$750,000 or more during the non-Federal entity's fiscal year in Federal

awards must have a single or program-specific audit conducted for that year in accordance with the provisions of 2 CFR part 200.

(2 CFR 200.501(a))

(ii) A non-Federal entity that expends less than \$750,000 during the non-Federal entity's fiscal year in Federal awards is exempt from Federal audit requirements for that year, except as noted in 2 CFR 200.503 (Relation to Other Audit Requirements), but records must be available for review or audit by appropriate officials of the Federal agency, pass-through entity, and Government Accountability Office (GAO). (2 CFR 200.501(d))

IV. Application and Submission Information

1. Application Submission Instructions: Applicants are required to follow the Common Instructions for Applicants to Department of Education Discretionary Grant Programs, published in the Federal Register on February 13, 2019 (84 FR 3768) and available at www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2019-02-13/pdf/2019-02206.pdf, which contain requirements and information on how to submit an application.

2. Intergovernmental Review: This program is subject to Executive Order 12372 and the regulations in 34 CFR part 79. Information about Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs under Executive Order 12372 is in the application package for this program.

3. Funding Restrictions: We specify unallowable costs in 34 CFR 656.30(b) and 657.33. We reference additional regulations outlining funding restrictions in the Applicable Regulations section of this notice.

4. Recommended Page Limit: The application narrative (Part III of the application) is where you, the applicant, address the priorities, selection criteria, and application requirements that reviewers use to evaluate your application. We recommend that you (1) limit the application narrative to no more than 50 pages for single institution applications, and to no more than 60 pages for consortia applications and (2) use the following standards:

- A "page" is 8.5" x 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, except titles, headings, footnotes, quotations, references, and captions, as well as all text in charts, tables, figures, and graphs.
- Use a font that is either 12 point or larger, or no smaller than 10 pitch (characters per inch). However, you may use a 10-point font in charts, tables, figures, and graphs.
- Use one of the following fonts: Times New Roman, Courier, Courier New, or Arial.

The recommended page limit applies to the entirety of the application narrative. The recommended page limit does not apply

to the Application for Federal Assistance face sheet (SF 424); the supplemental SF 424 form; Budget Information–Non-Construction Programs (ED 524); the detailed line item budget; the assurances and certifications, and the response to section 427 of the General Education Provisions Act; the project abstract, the table of contents, the list of acronyms, the response to the diverse perspectives/areas of need requirements, the project profile form, the FLAS-eligible languages form, or the appendices (curriculum vitae, course list, letters of support).

5. Award Basis: In determining whether to approve a grant award and the amount of such award, the Department will consider, among other things, the applicant's performance and use of funds under a previous or existing award under any Department program (34 CFR 75.217(d)(3)(ii) and 75.233. In assessing the applicant's performance and use of funds under a previous or existing award, the Secretary will consider, among other things, the outcomes the applicant has achieved and the results of any Departmental grant monitoring, including the applicant's progress in remedying any deficiencies identified in such monitoring.

V. Application Review Information

1. General: For the FY 2026 NRC and FLAS competitions, all applications will be assigned to peer review panels based on world region—such as Africa, South Asia, the Middle East—or international in focus as specified in the FLAS application.

Readers who serve on the peer review panels are selected based on their expertise in the specialized area studies, international studies, and modern foreign language(s) necessary to effectively review, score, and rank the applications assigned to them. For the FLAS competition, the Department will select applications for funding consideration based on the ranking of each application within its distinct regional panel.

2. Selection Criteria: The maximum score for all of the NRC selection criteria, taken together with the maximum number of points awarded to applicants that address the competitive preference priorities, is 129 points. The maximum score for all of the FLAS selection criteria, taken together with the maximum number of points awarded to applicants that address the competitive preference priorities, is 110 points.

NRC Program

The following selection criteria for this program are from 34 CFR 656.21 and apply to applications for a comprehensive Center or an undergraduate Center, as indicated. The maximum possible points for the selection criteria, taken together with the maximum number of points awarded to applicants for addressing the competitive preference priorities, is 129 points.

Comprehensive Center Selection Criteria:

(a) *Commitment to the subject area on which the Center focuses* (up to 5 points). The Secretary reviews each application to determine the extent to which the institution provides financial and other

support to the operation of the Center, teaching staff for the Center's subject area, library resources, linkages with institutions abroad, outreach activities, and qualified students in fields related to the Center.

(b) *Quality of the Center's language instructional program* (up to 14 points). The Secretary reviews each application to determine-

(1) The extent to which the Center provides instruction in the languages of the Center's subject area and the extent to which students enroll in the study of the languages of the subject area through programs or instruction offered by the Center or other providers;

(2) The extent to which the Center provides three or more levels of language training and the extent to which courses in disciplines other than language, linguistics, and literature are offered in appropriate foreign languages;

(3) Whether sufficient numbers of language faculty are available to teach the languages and levels of instruction described in the application and the extent to which language teaching staff (including faculty and instructional assistants) have been exposed to current language pedagogy training appropriate for performance-based teaching; and

(4) The quality of the language program as measured by the performance-based instruction being used or developed, the adequacy of resources for language teaching and practice, and language proficiency requirements.

(c) *Quality of the Center's non-language instructional program* up to 14 points). The Secretary reviews each application to determine-

(1) The quality and extent of the Center's course offerings in a variety of disciplines, including the extent to which courses in the Center's subject matter are available in the institution's professional schools;

(2) The extent to which the Center offers depth of specialized course coverage in one or more disciplines of the Center's subject area;

(3) The extent to which the institution employs a sufficient number of teaching faculty to enable the Center to carry out its purposes and the extent to which instructional assistants are provided with pedagogy training; and

(4) The extent to which interdisciplinary courses are offered for undergraduate and graduate students.

(d) *Quality of curriculum design* (up to 13 points). The Secretary reviews each application to determine-

(1) The extent to which the Center's curriculum has incorporated undergraduate instruction in the applicant's area or topic of specialization into baccalaureate degree programs (for example, major, minor, or certificate programs) and the extent to which these programs and their requirements (including language requirements) are appropriate for a Center in this subject area and will result in an undergraduate training program of high quality;

(2) The extent to which the Center's curriculum provides training options for graduate students from a variety of disciplines and professional fields and the extent to which these programs and their requirements (including language requirements) are appropriate for a Center in this subject area and result in graduate training programs of high quality;

(3) The extent to which the Center provides academic and career advising services for students; and

(4) The extent to which the Center has established formal arrangements for students to conduct research or study abroad and the extent to which these arrangements are used; and the extent to which the institution facilitates student access to other institutions' study abroad and summer language programs.

(e) *Quality of staff resources* (up to 13 points). The Secretary reviews each application to determine-

(1) The extent to which teaching faculty and other staff are qualified for the current and proposed Center activities and training programs, are provided professional development opportunities (including overseas experience), and participate in teaching, supervising, and advising students;

(2) The adequacy of Center staffing and oversight arrangements, including outreach and administration and the extent to which faculty from a variety of departments, professional schools, and the library are involved; and

(3) The extent to which the applicant, as part of its nondiscriminatory employment practices, encourages applications for

employment from persons who are members of groups that have been traditionally underrepresented, such as members of racial or ethnic minority groups, women, persons with disabilities, and the elderly.

(f) *Strength of library* (up to 6 points). The Secretary reviews each application to determine-

(1) The strength of the institution's library holdings (both print and non-print, English and foreign language) in the subject area and at the educational levels (graduate, professional, undergraduate) on which the Center focuses; and the extent to which the institution provides financial support for the acquisition of library materials and for library staff in the subject area of the Center; and

(2) The extent to which research materials at other institutions are available to students through cooperative arrangements with other libraries or online databases and the extent to which teachers, students, and faculty from other institutions are able to access the library's holdings.

(g) *Impact and evaluation* (up to 25 points). The Secretary reviews each application to determine-

(1) The extent to which the Center's activities and training programs have a significant impact on the university, community, region, and the Nation as shown through indices such as enrollments, graduate placement data, participation rates for events, and usage of Center resources;

(2) The applicant's record of placing students into post-graduate employment, education, or training in areas of national need

and the applicant's stated efforts to increase the number of such students that go into such placements;

(3) The degree to which activities of the Center address national needs, and generate information for and disseminate information to the public;

(4) The extent to which the applicant provides an evaluation plan that is comprehensive and objective and that will produce quantifiable, outcome-measure-oriented data; and the extent to which recent evaluations have been used to improve the applicant's program; and

(5) The extent to which the applicant supplies a clear description of how the applicant will provide equal access and treatment of eligible project participants who are members of groups that have been traditionally underrepresented, such as members of racial or ethnic minority groups, women, persons with disabilities, and the elderly.

(h) *Outreach activities* (up to 9 points). The Secretary reviews each application to determine the extent to which the Center demonstrates a significant and measurable regional and national impact of, and faculty and professional school involvement in, domestic outreach activities that involve-

- (1) Elementary and secondary schools;
- (2) Postsecondary institutions; and
- (3) Business, media, and the general public.

(i) *Program planning and budget* (up to 25 points). The Secretary reviews each application to determine-

(1) The extent to which the applicant provides a development plan or timeline demonstrating how the proposed activities will contribute to a strengthened program and whether the applicant uses its resources and personnel effectively to achieve the proposed objectives;

(2) The extent to which the activities for which the applicant seeks funding are of high quality and directly related to the purpose of the National Resource Centers Program;

(3) The extent to which the costs of the proposed activities are reasonable in relation to the objectives of the program; and

(4) The long-term impact of the proposed activities on the institution's undergraduate, graduate, and professional training programs.

Undergraduate Center Selection Criteria:

(a) *Commitment to the subject area on which the Center focuses* (up to 5 points). The Secretary reviews each application to determine the extent to which the institution provides financial and other support to the operation of the Center, teaching staff for the Center's subject area, library resources, linkages with institutions abroad, outreach activities, and qualified students in fields related to the Center.

(b) *Quality of the Center's language instructional program* (up to 14 points). The Secretary reviews each application to determine--

(1) The extent to which the Center provides instruction in the languages of the Center's subject area and the extent to which

students enroll in the study of the languages of the subject area through programs offered by the Center or other providers;

(2) The extent to which the Center provides three or more levels of language training and the extent to which courses in disciplines other than language, linguistics, and literature are offered in appropriate foreign languages;

(3) Whether sufficient numbers of language faculty are available to teach the languages and levels of instruction described in the application and the extent to which language teaching staff (including faculty and instructional assistants) have been exposed to current language pedagogy training appropriate for performance-based teaching; and

(4) The quality of the language program as measured by the performance-based instruction being used or developed, the adequacy of resources for language teaching and practice, and language proficiency requirements.

(c) *Quality of the Center's non-language instructional program* (up to 14 points). The Secretary reviews each application to determine-

(1) The quality and extent of the Center's course offerings in a variety of disciplines;

(2) The extent to which the Center offers depth of specialized course coverage in one or more disciplines of the Center's subject area;

(3) The extent to which the institution employs a sufficient number of teaching faculty to enable the Center to carry out its

purposes and the extent to which instructional assistants are provided with pedagogy training; and

(4) The extent to which interdisciplinary courses are offered for undergraduate students.

(d) *Quality of curriculum design* (up to 13 points). The Secretary reviews each application to determine--

(1) The extent to which the Center's curriculum has incorporated undergraduate instruction in the applicant's area or topic of specialization into baccalaureate degree programs (for example, major, minor, or certificate programs) and the extent to which these programs and their requirements (including language requirements) are appropriate for a Center in this subject area and will result in an undergraduate training program of high quality;

(2) The extent to which the Center provides academic and career advising services for students; and

(3) The extent to which the Center has established formal arrangements for students to conduct research or study abroad and the extent to which these arrangements are used; and the extent to which the institution facilitates student access to other institutions' study abroad and summer language programs.

(e) *Quality of staff resources* (up to 13 points). The Secretary reviews each application to determine--

(1) The extent to which teaching faculty and other staff are qualified for the current and proposed Center activities and training programs, are provided professional development opportunities

(including overseas experience), and participate in teaching, supervising, and advising students;

(2) The adequacy of Center staffing and oversight arrangements, including outreach and administration and the extent to which faculty from a variety of departments, professional schools, and the library are involved; and

(3) The extent to which the applicant, as part of its nondiscriminatory employment practices, encourages applications for employment from persons who are members of groups that have been traditionally underrepresented, such as members of racial or ethnic minority groups, women, persons with disabilities, and the elderly.

(f) *Strength of library* (up to 6 points). The Secretary reviews each application to determine--

(1) The strength of the institution's library holdings (both print and non-print, English and foreign language) in the subject area and at the educational levels (graduate, professional, undergraduate) on which the Center focuses; and the extent to which the institution provides financial support for the acquisition of library materials and for library staff in the subject area of the Center; and

(2) The extent to which research materials at other institutions are available to students through cooperative arrangements with other libraries or on-line databases and the extent to which teachers, students, and faculty from other institutions are able to access the library's holdings.

(g) *Impact and evaluation* (up to 25 points). The Secretary reviews each application to determine--

(1) The extent to which the Center's activities and training programs have a significant impact on the university, community, region, and the Nation as shown through indices such as enrollments, graduate placement data, participation rates for events, and usage of Center resources; the extent to which students matriculate into advanced language and area or international studies programs or related professional programs;

(2) The extent to which the applicant provides an evaluation plan that is comprehensive and objective and that will produce quantifiable, outcome-measure-oriented data; and the extent to which recent evaluations have been used to improve the applicant's program;

(3) The degree to which activities of the Center address national needs, and generate information for and disseminate information to the public;

(4) The applicant's record of placing students into post-graduate employment, education, or training in areas of national need and the applicant's stated efforts to increase the number of such students that go into such placements; and

(5) The extent to which the applicant supplies a clear description of how the applicant will provide equal access and treatment of eligible project participants who are members of groups that have been traditionally underrepresented, such as members of racial or ethnic minority groups, women, persons with disabilities, and the elderly.

(h) *Outreach activities* (up to 9 points). The Secretary reviews each application to determine the extent to which the Center

demonstrates a significant and measurable regional and national impact of, and faculty and professional school involvement in, domestic outreach activities that involve--

- (1) Elementary and secondary schools;
- (2) Postsecondary institutions; and
- (3) Business, media, and the general public.

(i) *Program planning and budget* (up to 25 points). The Secretary reviews each application to determine--

(1) The extent to which the applicant provides a development plan or timeline demonstrating how the proposed activities will contribute to a strengthened program and whether the applicant uses its resources and personnel effectively to achieve the proposed objectives;

(2) The extent to which the activities for which the applicant seeks funding are of high quality and directly related to the purpose of the National Resource Centers Program;

(3) The extent to which the costs of the proposed activities are reasonable in relation to the objectives of the program; and

(4) The long-term impact of the proposed activities on the institution's undergraduate training program.

FLAS Program

The following selection criteria for this program are from 34 CFR 657.21. The maximum score under the selection criteria, taken together with the maximum number of points awarded to applicants that address the competitive preference priorities, is 110 points.

(a) *Commitment to the subject area on which the applicant focuses* (up to 5 points). The Secretary reviews each application for information to determine--

(1) The extent to which the institution provides financial and other support to the operation of the applicant, teaching staff for the applicant's subject area, library resources, and linkages with institutions abroad; and

(2) The extent to which the institution provides financial support to students in fields related to the applicant's teaching program.

(b) *Quality of the applicant's language instructional program* (up to 14 points). The Secretary reviews each application for information to determine--

(1) The extent to which the applicant provides instruction in the languages of the applicant's subject area and the extent to which students enroll in the study of the languages of the subject area through programs or instruction offered by the applicant or other providers;

(2) The extent to which the applicant provides three or more levels of language training and the extent to which courses in disciplines other than language, linguistics, and literature are offered in appropriate foreign languages;

(3) Whether sufficient numbers of language faculty are available to teach the languages and the levels of instruction

described in the application and the extent to which language teaching staff (including faculty and instructional assistants) have been exposed to current language pedagogy training appropriate for performance-based teaching; and

(4) The quality of the language program as measured by the performance-based instruction being used or developed, the adequacy of resources for language teaching and practice, and language proficiency requirements.

(c) *Quality of the applicant's non-language instructional program* (up to 14 points). The Secretary reviews each application for information to determine--

(1) The quality and extent of the applicant's course offerings in a variety of disciplines, including the extent to which courses in the applicant's subject matter are available in the institution's professional schools;

(2) The extent to which the applicant offers depth of specialized course coverage in one or more disciplines on the applicant's subject area;

(3) The extent to which the institution employs a sufficient number of teaching faculty to enable the applicant to carry out its purposes and the extent to which instructional assistants are provided with pedagogy training; and

(4) The extent to which interdisciplinary courses are offered for students.

(d) *Quality of curriculum design* (up to 13 points). The Secretary reviews each application to determine--

(1) The extent to which the applicant's curriculum provides training options for students from a variety of disciplines and professional fields and the extent to which these programs and their requirements (including language requirements) are appropriate for an applicant in this subject area and result in graduate training programs of high quality;

(2) The extent to which the applicant provides academic and career advising services for students; and

(3) The extent to which the applicant has established formal arrangements for students to conduct research or study abroad and the extent to which these arrangements are used; and the extent to which the institution facilitates student access to other institutions' study abroad and summer language programs.

(e) *Quality of staff resources* (up to 13 points). The Secretary reviews each application to determine--

(1) The extent to which teaching faculty and other staff are qualified for the current and proposed activities and training programs, are provided professional development opportunities (including overseas experience), and participate in teaching, supervising, and advising students;

(2) The adequacy of applicant staffing and oversight arrangements and the extent to which faculty from a variety of

departments, professional schools, and the library are involved;
and

(3) The extent to which the applicant, as part of its non-discriminatory employment practices, encourages applications for employment from persons who are members of groups that have been traditionally underrepresented, such as members of racial or ethnic minority groups, women, persons with disabilities, and the elderly.

(f) *Strength of library* (up to 6 points). The Secretary reviews each application to determine --

(1) The strength of the institution's library holdings (both print and non-print, English and foreign language) for students; and the extent to which the institution provides financial support for the acquisition of library materials and for library staff in the subject area of the applicant; and

(2) The extent to which research materials at other institutions are available to students through cooperative arrangements with other libraries or on-line databases.

(g) *Impact and evaluation* (up to 25 points). The Secretary reviews each application to determine --

(1) The extent to which the applicant's activities and training programs have contributed to an improved supply of specialists on the program's subject area as shown through indices such as undergraduate and graduate enrollments and

placement data; and the extent to which the applicant supplies a clear description of how the applicant will provide equal access and treatment of eligible project participants who are members of groups that have been traditionally underrepresented, such as members of racial or ethnic minority groups, women, persons with disabilities, and the elderly;

(2) The applicant's record of placing students into post-graduate employment, education, or training in areas of national need and the applicant's stated efforts to increase the number of such students that go into such placements;

(3) The degree to which fellowships awarded by the applicant address national needs; and

(4) The extent to which the applicant provides an evaluation plan that is comprehensive and objective and that will produce quantifiable, outcome-measure-oriented data; and the extent to which recent evaluations have been used to improve the applicant's program.

(h) *Foreign language and area studies fellowships awardee selection procedures* (up to 10 points). The Secretary reviews each application to determine whether the selection plan is of high quality, showing how awards will be advertised, how students apply, what selection criteria are used, who selects the fellows, when each step will take place, and how the process will result in awards being made to correspond to any announced priorities.

3. Review and Selection Process: We remind potential applicants that in reviewing applications in any discretionary grant competition, the Secretary may consider, under 34 CFR 75.217(d)(3), the past performance of the applicant in carrying out a previous award, such as the applicant's use of funds, achievement of project objectives, and compliance with grant conditions. The Secretary may also consider whether the applicant failed to submit a timely performance report or submitted a report of unacceptable quality.

In addition, in making a competitive grant award, the Secretary requires various assurances, including those applicable to Federal civil rights laws that prohibit discrimination in programs or activities receiving Federal financial assistance from the Department (34 CFR 100.4, 104.5, 106.4, 108.8, and 110.23).

4. Risk Assessment and Specific Conditions: Consistent with 2 CFR 200.205, before awarding grants under these programs the Department conducts a review of the risks posed by applicants. Under 2 CFR 3474.10, the Secretary may impose specific conditions and, in appropriate circumstances, high-risk conditions on a grant if the applicant or grantee is not financially stable; has a history of unsatisfactory performance; has a financial or other management system that does not meet the

standards in 2 CFR part 200, subpart D; has not fulfilled the conditions of a prior grant; or is otherwise not responsible.

5. Integrity and Performance System: If you are selected under this competition to receive an award that over the course of the project period may exceed the simplified acquisition threshold (currently \$250,000), under 2 CFR 200.206(a)(2) we must make a judgment about your integrity, business ethics, and record of performance under Federal awards—that is, the risk posed by you as an applicant—before we make an award. In doing so, we must consider any information about you that is in the integrity and performance system (currently referred to as the Federal Awardee Performance and Integrity Information System (FAPIIS)), accessible through the System for Award Management (SAM). You may review and comment on any information about yourself that a Federal agency previously entered and that is currently in FAPIIS.

Please note that if the total value of your currently active grants, cooperative agreements, and procurement contracts from the Federal Government exceeds \$10,000,000, the reporting requirements in 2 CFR part 200, Appendix XII, require you to report certain integrity information to FAPIIS semiannually. Please review the requirements in 2 CFR part 200, Appendix XII, if this grant plus all the other Federal funds you receive exceed \$10,000,000.

6. In General: In accordance with the Office of Management and Budget's guidance located at 2 CFR part 200, all applicable Federal laws, and relevant Executive guidance, the Department will review and consider applications for funding pursuant to this notice inviting applications in accordance with:

(a) Selecting recipients most likely to be successful in delivering results based on the program objectives through an objective process of evaluating Federal award applications (2 CFR 200.205);

(b) Prohibiting the purchase of certain telecommunication and video surveillance services or equipment in alignment with section 889 of the National Defense Authorization Act of 2019 (Pub. L. No. 115-232) (2 CFR 200.216);

(c) Providing a preference, to the extent permitted by law, to maximize use of goods, products, and materials produced in the United States (2 CFR 200.322); and

(d) Terminating agreements in whole or in part to the greatest extent authorized by law if an award no longer effectuates the program goals or agency priorities (2 CFR 200.340).

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); or we may send you an email

containing a link to access an electronic version of your 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. Open Licensing Requirements: Unless an exception applies, if you are awarded a grant under this competition, you will be required to openly license to the public grant deliverables created in whole, or in part, with Department grant funds. When the deliverable consists of modifications to pre-existing works, the license extends only to those modifications that can be separately identified and only to the extent that open licensing is permitted under the terms of any licenses or other legal restrictions on the use of pre-existing works. Additionally, a grantee or subgrantee that is awarded competitive grant funds must have a plan to disseminate these public grant

deliverables. This dissemination plan can be developed and submitted after your application has been reviewed and selected for funding. For additional information on the open licensing requirements please refer to 2 CFR 3474.20.

4. Reporting: (a) If you apply for a grant under this competition, you must ensure that you have in place the necessary processes and systems to comply with the reporting requirements in 2 CFR part 170, should you receive funding under the competition. This does not apply if you have an exception under 2 CFR 170.110(b).

(b) At the end of your project period, you must submit a final performance report, including financial information, as directed by the Secretary. If you receive a multiyear award, you must submit an annual performance report that provides the most current performance and financial expenditure information as directed by the Secretary under 34 CFR 75.118. The Secretary may also require more frequent performance reports under 34 CFR 75.720(c). For specific requirements on reporting, please go to www.ed.gov/fund/grant/apply/appforms/appforms.html.

Performance reports for the NRC and FLAS Programs must be submitted electronically into the Office of International and Foreign Language Education web-based reporting system, International Resource Information System (IRIS). For information about IRIS and to view the reporting instructions,

please go to <https://iris.ed.gov/iris/pdfs/NRC.pdf> and https://iris.ed.gov/iris/pdfs/FLAS_director.pdf.

(c) Under 34 CFR 75.250(b), the Secretary may provide a grantee with additional funding for data collection analysis and reporting. If a grantee is provided additional funding for this purpose, the Secretary establishes a data collection period.

5. Performance Measures: (a) Under the Government Performance and Results Act of 1993, the following measures will be used by the Department to evaluate the success of the NRC Program:

1. Percentage of priority languages defined by the Secretary of Education taught at NRCs.

2. Percentage of NRC grants teaching intermediate or advanced courses in priority languages as defined by the Secretary of Education.

3. Percentage of NRCs that increased the number of intermediate or advanced level language courses in the priority and/or LCTLs during the course of the grant period.

4. Percentage of NRCs that increased the number of certificate, minor, or major degree programs in the priority and/or LCTLs, area studies, or international studies during the course of the four-year grant period.

5. Percentage of less and least commonly taught languages as defined by the Secretary of Education taught at title VI NRCs.

6. Cost per NRC that increased the number of intermediate or advanced level language courses in the priority and/or LCTLs during the course of the grant period.

(b) The following measures will be used by the Department to evaluate the success of the FLAS Program:

1. Percentage of FLAS-graduated fellows who secured employment that utilizes their foreign language and area studies skills within eight years after graduation, based on the FLAS tracking survey.

2. Percentage of FLAS master's and doctoral graduates who studied priority languages as defined by the Secretary of Education.

3. Percentage of FLAS fellows who increased their foreign language reading, writing, and/or listening/speaking scores by at least one proficiency level.

The information provided by grantees in their performance reports submitted via IRIS will be the source of data for these measures. Reporting screens for institutions can be viewed at:

<http://iris.ed.gov/iris/pdfs/NRC.pdf>

<http://iris.ed.gov/iris/pdfs/FLAS.pdf>

6. Continuation Awards: In making a continuation award under 34 CFR 75.253, the Secretary considers, among other things: whether a grantee has made substantial progress in achieving the goals and objectives of the project; whether the grantee has expended funds in a

manner that is consistent with its approved application and budget; and, if the Secretary has established performance measurement requirements, whether the grantee has made substantial progress in achieving the performance targets in the grantee's approved application.

In making a continuation award, the Secretary also considers whether the grantee is operating in compliance with the assurances in its approved application, including those applicable to Federal civil rights laws that prohibit discrimination in programs or activities receiving Federal financial assistance from the Department (34 CFR 100.4, 104.5, 106.4, 108.8, and 110.23).

VII. Other Information

Accessible Format: On request to the program contact person listed under FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT, individuals with disabilities can obtain this document and a copy of the application package in an accessible format. The Department will provide the requestor with an accessible format that may include Rich Text Format (RTF) or text format (txt), a thumb drive, an MP3 file, braille, large print, audiotape, or compact disc, or other accessible format.

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THE HIGHER EDUCATION ACT OF 1965, AS AMENDED (HEA)

TITLE VI – INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS 20 USC §§1121-1122

PART A--INTERNATIONAL AND FOREIGN LANGUAGE STUDIES

SEC. 601. FINDINGS AND PURPOSES.

(a) FINDINGS- Congress finds as follows:

(1) The security, stability, and economic vitality of the United States in a complex global era depend upon American experts in and citizens knowledgeable about world regions, foreign languages, and international affairs, as well as upon a strong research base in these areas.

(2) Advances in communications technology and the growth of regional and global problems make knowledge of other countries and the ability to communicate in other languages more essential to the promotion of mutual understanding and cooperation among nations and their peoples.

(3) Dramatic changes in the world's geopolitical and economic landscapes are creating needs for American expertise and knowledge about a greater diversity of less commonly taught foreign languages and nations of the world.

(4) Systematic efforts are necessary to enhance the capacity of institutions of higher education in the United States for--

(A) producing graduates with international and foreign language expertise and knowledge; and

(B) research regarding such expertise and knowledge.

(5) Cooperative efforts among the Federal Government, institutions of higher education, and the private sector are necessary to promote the generation and dissemination of information about world regions, foreign languages, and international affairs throughout education, government, business, civic, and nonprofit sectors in the United States.

(b) PURPOSES- The purposes of this part are--

(1)(A) to support centers, programs, and fellowships in institutions of higher education in the United States for producing increased numbers of trained personnel and research in foreign languages, area studies, and other international studies;

(B) to develop a pool of international experts to meet national needs;

(C) to develop and validate specialized materials and techniques for foreign language acquisition and fluency, emphasizing (but not limited to) the less commonly taught languages;

(D) to promote access to research and training overseas, including through linkages with overseas institutions; and

(E) to advance the internationalization of a variety of disciplines throughout undergraduate and graduate education;

(2) to support cooperative efforts promoting access to and the dissemination of international and foreign language knowledge, teaching materials, and research, throughout education, government, business, civic, and nonprofit sectors in the United States, through the use of advanced technologies; and

(3) to coordinate the programs of the Federal Government in the areas of foreign language, area studies, and other international studies, including professional international affairs education and research.

(c) CONSULTATION

(1) In general

The Secretary shall, prior to requesting applications for funding under this subchapter during each grant cycle, consult with and receive recommendations regarding national need for expertise in foreign language and world regions from the head officials of a wide range of Federal agencies.

(2) Considering recommendations; providing information

The Secretary-

(A) may take into account the recommendations described in paragraph (1); and

(B) shall-

(i) provide information collected under paragraph (1) when requesting applications for funding under this subchapter; and

(ii) make available to applicants a list of areas identified as areas of national need.

(d) SURVEY

The Secretary shall assist grantees in developing a survey to administer to students who have completed programs under this subchapter to determine postgraduate employment, education, or training. All grantees, where applicable, shall administer such survey once every two years and report survey results to the Secretary.

SEC. 602. GRADUATE AND UNDERGRADUATE LANGUAGE AND AREA CENTERS AND PROGRAMS

(a) NATIONAL LANGUAGE AND AREA CENTERS AND PROGRAMS AUTHORIZED -

(1) CENTERS AND PROGRAMS -

(A) IN GENERAL - The Secretary is authorized--

(i) to make grants to institutions of higher education, or combinations thereof, for the purpose of establishing, strengthening, and operating comprehensive foreign language and area or international studies centers and programs; and

(ii) to make grants to such institutions or combinations for the purpose of establishing, strengthening, and operating a diverse network of undergraduate foreign language and area or international studies centers and programs.

(B) NATIONAL RESOURCES- The centers and programs referred to in paragraph (1) shall be national resources for--

(i) teaching of any modern foreign language;

- (ii) instruction in fields needed to provide full understanding of areas, regions, or countries in which such language is commonly used;
- (iii) research and training in international studies, and the international and foreign language aspects of professional and other fields of study; and
- (iv) instruction and research on issues in world affairs that concern one or more countries.

(2) AUTHORIZED ACTIVITIES- Any such grant may be used to pay all or part of the cost of establishing or operating a center or program, including the cost of--

- (A) teaching and research materials;
- (B) curriculum planning and development;
- (C) establishing and maintaining linkages with overseas institutions of higher education and other organizations that may contribute to the teaching and research of the center or program;
- (D) bringing visiting scholars and faculty to the center to teach or to conduct research;
- (E) professional development of the center's faculty and staff;
- (F) projects conducted in cooperation with other centers addressing themes of world regional, cross-regional, international, or global importance;
- (G) summer institutes in the United States or abroad designed to provide language and area training in the center's field or topic; and
- (H) support for faculty, staff, and student travel in foreign areas, regions, or countries, and for the development and support of educational programs abroad for students.

(3) GRANTS TO MAINTAIN LIBRARY COLLECTIONS- The Secretary may make grants to centers described in paragraph (1) having important library collections, as determined by the Secretary, for the maintenance of such collections.

(4) OUTREACH GRANTS AND SUMMER INSTITUTES- The Secretary may make additional grants to centers described in paragraph (1) for any one or more of the following purposes:

- (A) Programs of linkage or outreach between foreign language, area studies, or other international fields, and professional schools and colleges.
- (B) Programs of linkage or outreach with 2- and 4-year colleges and universities.
- (C) Programs of linkage or outreach with departments or agencies of Federal and State governments.
- (D) Programs of linkage or outreach with the news media, business, professional, or trade associations.
- (E) Summer institutes in foreign area, foreign language, and other international fields designed to carry out the programs of linkage and outreach described in subparagraphs (A), (B), (C), and (D).

(b) GRADUATE FELLOWSHIPS FOR FOREIGN LANGUAGE AND AREA OR INTERNATIONAL STUDIES-

(1) IN GENERAL- The Secretary is authorized to make grants to institutions of higher education or combinations of such institutions for the purpose of paying stipends to

individuals undergoing advanced training in any center or program approved by the Secretary.

(2) ELIGIBLE STUDENTS- Students receiving stipends described in paragraph (1) shall be individuals who are engaged in an instructional program with stated performance goals for functional foreign language use or in a program developing such performance goals, in combination with area studies, international studies, or the international aspects of a professional studies program, including predissertation level studies, preparation for dissertation research, dissertation research abroad, and dissertation writing.

(c) SPECIAL RULE WITH RESPECT TO TRAVEL- No funds may be expended under this part for undergraduate travel except in accordance with rules prescribed by the Secretary setting forth policies and procedures to assure that Federal funds made available for such travel are expended as part of a formal program of supervised study.

(d) ALLOWANCES- Stipends awarded to graduate level recipients may include allowances for dependents and for travel for research and study in the United States and abroad.

20 USC 1132-2. RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.

SEC. 633. Nothing in this title shall be construed to authorize the Secretary to mandate, direct, or control an institution of higher education's specific instructional content, curriculum, or program of instruction.

TITLE 34: EDUCATION

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PART 655—INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS—GENERAL PROVISIONS

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Source: 47 FR 14116, Apr. 1, 1982, unless otherwise noted.

Subpart A—General

§ 655.1 Which programs do these regulations govern?

The regulations in this part govern the administration of the following programs in international education:

- (a) The National Resource Centers Program for Foreign Language and Area Studies or Foreign Language and International Studies (section 602 of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended);
- (b) The Language Resource Centers Program (section 603);
- (c) The Undergraduate International Studies and Foreign Language Program (section 604);
- (d) The International Research and Studies Program (section 605); and
- (e) The Business and International Education Program (section 613).

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1121–1130b)

[47 FR 14116, Apr. 1, 1982, as amended at 58 FR 32575, June 10, 1993; 64 FR 7739, Feb. 16, 1999]

§ 655.3 What regulations apply to the International Education Programs?

The following regulations apply to the International Education Programs:

- (a) The Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) as follows:
 - (1) 34 CFR part 74 (Administration of Grants to Institutions of Higher Education, Hospitals, and Nonprofit Organizations).
 - (2) 34 CFR part 75 (Direct Grant Programs).
 - (3) 34 CFR part 77 (Definitions that Apply to Department Regulations).
 - (4) 34 CFR part 79 (Intergovernmental Review of Department of Education Programs and Activities), except that part 79 does not apply to 34 CFR parts 660, 669, and 671.
 - (5) 34 CFR part 82 (New Restrictions on Lobbying).

(6) 34 CFR part 85 (Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension (Nonprocurement) and Governmentwide Requirements for Drug-Free Workplace (Grants)).

(7) 34 CFR part 86 (Drug-Free Schools and Campuses).

(b) The regulations in this part 655; and

(c) As appropriate, the regulations in—

(1) 34 CFR part 656 (National Resource Centers Program for Foreign Language and Area Studies or Foreign Language and International Studies);

(2) 34 CFR part 657 (Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowships Program);

(3) 34 CFR part 658 (Undergraduate International Studies and Foreign Language Program);

(4) 34 CFR part 660 (International Research and Studies Program);

(5) 34 CFR part 661 (Business and International Education Program); and

(6) 34 CFR part 669 (Language Resource Centers Program).

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1121–1127; 1221e–3)

[47 FR 14116, Apr. 1, 1982, as amended at 58 FR 32575, June 10, 1993; 64 FR 7739, Feb. 16, 1999]

§ 655.4 What definitions apply to the International Education Programs?

(a) *Definitions in EDGAR.* The following terms used in this part and 34 CFR parts 656, 657, 658, 660, 661, and 669 are defined in 34 CFR part 77:

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|-------------|-------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Acquisition | EDGAR | Grant period | Private |
| Applicant | Equipment | Local educational agency | Public |
| Application | Facilities | Nonprofit | Secretary |
| Award | Fiscal year | Project | State educational agency |
| Budget | Grant | Project period | Supplies |
| Contract | Grantee | Grant period | |

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1121–1127)

(b) *Definitions that apply to these programs:* The following definitions apply to International Education Programs:

Consortium of institutions of higher education means a group of institutions of higher education that have entered into a cooperative arrangement for the purpose of carrying out a common objective, or a public or private nonprofit agency, organization, or institution designated or created by a group of institutions of higher education for the purpose of carrying out a common objective on their behalf.

Critical languages means each of the languages contained in the list of critical languages designated by the Secretary pursuant to section 212(d) of the Education for Economic Security Act, except that, in the implementation of this definition, the Secretary may set priorities according to the purposes of title VI of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended.

Institution of higher education means, in addition to an institution that meets the definition of section 101(a) of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended, an institution that meets the requirements of section 101(a) except that (1) it is not located

in the United States, and (2) it applies for assistance under title VI of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended, in consortia with institutions that meet the definitions in section 101(a).

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1121-1127, and 1141)

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Subpart B—What Kinds of Projects Does the Secretary Assist?

§ 655.10 What kinds of projects does the Secretary assist?

Subpart A of 34 CFR parts 656, 657, and 669 and subpart B of 34 CFR parts 658, 660, 661 describe the kinds of projects that the Secretary assists under the International Education Programs.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1121-1127)

[74 FR 35072, July 17, 2009]

§ 655.32 What additional factors does the Secretary consider in making grant awards?

Except for 34 CFR parts 656, 657, and 661, to the extent practicable and consistent with the criterion of excellence, the Secretary seeks to achieve an equitable distribution of funds throughout the Nation.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1126(b)).

[58 FR 32575, June 10, 1993]

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PART 656—

NATIONAL RESOURCE CENTERS PROGRAM FOR FOREIGN LANGUAGE AND AREA STUDIES OR FOREIGN LANGUAGE AND INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

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Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1122, unless otherwise noted.

Source: 61 FR 50193, Sept. 24, 1996, unless otherwise noted.

Subpart A—General

§ 656.1 What is the National Resource Centers Program?

Under the National Resource Centers Program for Foreign Language and Areas Studies or Foreign Language and International Studies (National Resource Centers Program), the Secretary awards grants to institutions of higher education and consortia of institutions to establish, strengthen, and operate comprehensive and undergraduate Centers that will be national resources for—

- (a) Teaching of any modern foreign language;
- (b) Instruction in fields needed to provide full understanding of areas, regions, or countries in which the modern foreign language is commonly used;
- (c) Research and training in international studies and the international and foreign language aspects of professional and other fields of study; and
- (d) Instruction and research on issues in world affairs that concern one or more countries.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1122)

[61 FR 50193, Sept. 24, 1996, as amended at 64 FR 7739, Feb. 16, 1999; 74 FR 35072, July 17, 2009]

§ 656.2 Who is eligible to receive a grant?

An institution of higher education or a consortium of institutions of higher education is eligible to receive a grant under this part.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1122)

[61 FR 50193, Sept. 24, 1996, as amended at 74 FR 35072, July 17, 2009]

§ 656.3 What activities define a comprehensive or undergraduate National Resource Center?

A comprehensive or undergraduate National Resource Center—

- (a) Teaches at least one modern foreign language;
- (b) Provides—
 - (1) Instruction in fields necessary to provide a full understanding of the areas, regions, or countries in which the modern foreign language taught is commonly used;
 - (2) Resources for research and training in international studies, and the international and foreign language aspects of professional and other fields of study; or
 - (3) Instruction and research on issues in world affairs that concern one or more countries;
- (c) Provides outreach and consultative services on a national, regional, and local basis;
- (d) Maintains linkages with overseas institutions of higher education and other organizations that may contribute to the teaching and research of the Center;
- (e) Maintains important library collections;
- (f) Employs faculty engaged in training and research that relates to the subject area of the Center;
- (g) Conducts projects in cooperation with other centers addressing themes of world, regional, cross-regional, international, or global importance;
- (h) Conducts summer institutes in the United States or abroad designed to provide language and area training in the Center's field or topic;
- (i) Supports instructors of the less commonly taught languages; and
- (j) Encourages projects that support students in the science, technology, engineering, and mathematics fields to achieve foreign language proficiency.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1122)

[64 FR 7739, Feb. 16, 1999, as amended at 74 FR 35072, July 17, 2009]

§ 656.4 What types of Centers receive grants?

The Secretary awards grants to Centers that—

- (a) Focus on—
 - (1) A single country or on a world area (such as East Asia, Africa, or the Middle East) and offer instruction in the principal language or languages of that country or area and those disciplinary fields necessary to provide a full understanding of the country or area; or
 - (2) International studies or the international aspects of contemporary issues or topics (such as international business or energy) while providing instruction in modern foreign languages; and
- (b) Provide training at the—
 - (1) Graduate, professional, and undergraduate levels, as a comprehensive Center; or

- (2) Undergraduate level only, as an undergraduate Center.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1122)

§ 656.5 What activities may be carried out?

- (a) A Center may carry out any of the activities described in §656.3 under a grant received under this part.
- (b) The Secretary may make an additional grant to a Center for any one or a combination of the following purposes:
 - (1) Linkage or outreach between foreign language, area studies, and other international fields and professional schools and colleges.
 - (2) Linkage or outreach with 2- and 4-year colleges and universities.
 - (3) Linkage or outreach between or among—
 - (i) Postsecondary programs or departments in foreign language, area studies, or other international fields; and
 - (ii) State educational agencies or local educational agencies.
 - (4) Partnerships or programs of linkage and outreach with departments or agencies of Federal and State governments, including Federal or State scholarship programs for students in related areas.
 - (5) Linkage or outreach with the news media, business, professional, or trade associations.
 - (6) Summer institutes in area studies, foreign Language, and other international fields designed to carry out the activities in paragraphs (b)(1) through (b)(5) of this section.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1122)

[61 FR 50193, Sept. 24, 1996, as amended at 64 FR 7739, Feb. 16, 1999; 74 FR 35072, July 17, 2009]

§ 656.6 What regulations apply?

The following regulations apply to this program:

- (a) The regulations in 34 CFR part 655.
- (b) The regulations in this part 656.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1122)

§ 656.7 What definitions apply?

The following definitions apply to this part:

- (a) The definitions in 34 CFR part 655.
- (b) *Area studies* means a program of comprehensive study of the aspects of a world area's society or societies, including study of history, culture, economy, politics, international relations, and languages.
- (c) *Center* means an administrative unit of an institution of higher education that has direct access to highly qualified faculty and library resources, and coordinates a concentrated effort of educational resources, including language training and various academic disciplines, in the area and subject matters described in §656.3.
- (d) *Comprehensive Center* means a Center that—
 - (1) Contributes significantly to the national interest in advanced research and scholarship;

- (2) Offers intensive language instruction;
 - (3) Maintains important library collections related to the area of its specialization;
 - (4) Makes training available to a graduate, professional, and undergraduate clientele; and
 - (5) Engages in curriculum development and community outreach.
- (e) For purposes of this section, *intensive language instruction* means instruction of at least five contact hours per week during the academic year or the equivalent of a full academic year of language instruction during the summer.
- (f) *Undergraduate Center* means an administrative unit of an institution of higher education that—
- (1) Contributes significantly to the national interest through the education of students who matriculate into advanced language and area studies programs or professional school programs;
 - (2) Incorporates substantial international and foreign language content into baccalaureate degree program;
 - (3) Makes training available predominantly to undergraduate students; and
 - (4) Engages in research, curriculum development, and community outreach.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1122)

Subpart B—How Does One Apply for a Grant?

§ 656.10 What combined application may an institution submit?

An institution that wishes to apply for a grant under this part and for an allocation of fellowships under 34 CFR part 657 may submit one application for both.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1122)

Subpart C—How Does the Secretary Make a Grant?

§ 656.20 How does the Secretary evaluate an application?

- (a) The Secretary evaluates an application for a comprehensive Center under the criteria contained in §656.21, and for an undergraduate Center under the criteria contained in §656.22.
- (b) The Secretary informs applicants of the maximum possible score for each criterion in the application package or in a notice published in the Federal Register.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1122)

[61 FR 50193, Sept. 24, 1996, as amended at 70 FR 13375, Mar. 21, 2005]

§ 656.21 What selection criteria does the Secretary use to evaluate an application for a comprehensive Center?

The Secretary evaluates an application for a comprehensive Center on the basis of the criteria in this section.

- (a) *Program planning and budget.* The Secretary reviews each application to determine —
 - (1) The extent to which the activities for which the applicant seeks funding are of high quality and directly related to the purpose of the National Resource Centers Program;
 - (2) The extent to which the applicant provides a development plan or timeline demonstrating how the proposed activities will contribute to a strengthened

- program and whether the applicant uses its resources and personnel effectively to achieve the proposed objectives;
- (3) The extent to which the costs of the proposed activities are reasonable in relation to the objectives of the program; and
 - (4) The long-term impact of the proposed activities on the institution's undergraduate, graduate, and professional training programs.
- (b) *Quality of staff resources.* The Secretary reviews each application to determine—
- (1) The extent to which teaching faculty and other staff are qualified for the current and proposed Center activities and training programs, are provided professional development opportunities (including overseas experience), and participate in teaching, supervising, and advising students;
 - (2) The adequacy of Center staffing and oversight arrangements, including outreach and administration and the extent to which faculty from a variety of departments, professional schools, and the library are involved; and
 - (3) The extent to which the applicant, as part of its nondiscriminatory employment practices, encourages applications for employment from persons who are members of groups that have been traditionally underrepresented, such as members of racial or ethnic minority groups, women, persons with disabilities, and the elderly.
- (c) *Impact and evaluation.* The Secretary reviews each application to determine—
- (1) The extent to which the Center's activities and training programs have a significant impact on the university, community, region, and the Nation as shown through indices such as enrollments, graduate placement data, participation rates for events, and usage of Center resources; and the extent to which the applicant supplies a clear description of how the applicant will provide equal access and treatment of eligible project participants who are members of groups that have been traditionally underrepresented, such as members of racial or ethnic minority groups, women, persons with disabilities, and the elderly;
 - (2) The extent to which the applicant provides an evaluation plan that is comprehensive and objective and that will produce quantifiable, outcome-measure-oriented data; and the extent to which recent evaluations have been used to improve the applicant's program;
 - (3) The degree to which activities of the Center address national needs, and generate information for and disseminate information to the public; and
 - (4) The applicant's record of placing students into post-graduate employment, education, or training in areas of national need and the applicant's stated efforts to increase the number of such students that go into such placements.
- (d) *Commitment to the subject area on which the Center focuses.* The Secretary reviews each application to determine the extent to which the institution provides financial and other support to the operation of the Center, teaching staff for the Center's subject area, library resources, linkages with institutions abroad, outreach activities, and qualified students in fields related to the Center.

- (e) *Strength of library.* The Secretary reviews each application to determine—
- (1) The strength of the institution's library holdings (both print and non-print, English and foreign language) in the subject area and at the educational levels (graduate, professional, undergraduate) on which the Center focuses; and the extent to which the institution provides financial support for the acquisition of library materials and for library staff in the subject area of the Center; and
 - (2) The extent to which research materials at other institutions are available to students through cooperative arrangements with other libraries or on-line databases and the extent to which teachers, students, and faculty from other institutions are able to access the library's holdings.
- (f) *Quality of the Center's non-language instructional program.* The Secretary reviews each application to determine—
- (1) The quality and extent of the Center's course offerings in a variety of disciplines, including the extent to which courses in the Center's subject matter are available in the institution's professional schools;
 - (2) The extent to which the Center offers depth of specialized course coverage in one or more disciplines of the Center's subject area;
 - (3) The extent to which the institution employs a sufficient number of teaching faculty to enable the Center to carry out its purposes and the extent to which instructional assistants are provided with pedagogy training; and
 - (4) The extent to which interdisciplinary courses are offered for undergraduate and graduate students.
- (g) *Quality of the Center's language instructional program.* The Secretary reviews each application to determine—
- (1) The extent to which the Center provides instruction in the languages of the Center's subject area and the extent to which students enroll in the study of the languages of the subject area through programs or instruction offered by the Center or other providers;
 - (2) The extent to which the Center provides three or more levels of language training and the extent to which courses in disciplines other than language, linguistics, and literature are offered in appropriate foreign languages;
 - (3) Whether sufficient numbers of language faculty are available to teach the languages and levels of instruction described in the application and the extent to which language teaching staff (including faculty and instructional assistants) have been exposed to current language pedagogy training appropriate for performance-based teaching; and
 - (4) The quality of the language program as measured by the performance-based instruction being used or developed, the adequacy of resources for language teaching and practice, and language proficiency requirements.
- (h) *Quality of curriculum design.* The Secretary reviews each application to determine—
- (1) The extent to which the Center's curriculum has incorporated undergraduate instruction in the applicant's area or topic of specialization into baccalaureate degree programs (for example, major, minor, or certificate programs) and the extent to which these programs and their requirements

- (including language requirements) are appropriate for a Center in this subject area and will result in an undergraduate training program of high quality;
- (2) The extent to which the Center's curriculum provides training options for graduate students from a variety of disciplines and professional fields and the extent to which these programs and their requirements (including language requirements) are appropriate for a Center in this subject area and result in graduate training programs of high quality; and
 - (3) The extent to which the Center provides academic and career advising services for students; the extent to which the Center has established formal arrangements for students to conduct research or study abroad and the extent to which these arrangements are used; and the extent to which the institution facilitates student access to other institutions' study abroad and summer language programs.
- (i) *Outreach activities.* The Secretary reviews each application to determine the extent to which the Center demonstrates a significant and measurable regional and national impact of, and faculty and professional school involvement in, domestic outreach activities that involve—
- (1) Elementary and secondary schools;
 - (2) Postsecondary institutions; and
 - (3) Business, media, and the general public.
- (j) *Degree to which priorities are served.* If, under the provisions of §656.23, the Secretary establishes competitive priorities for Centers, the Secretary considers the degree to which those priorities are being served.

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§ 656.22 What selection criteria does the Secretary use to evaluate an application for an undergraduate Center?

The Secretary evaluates an application for an undergraduate Center on the basis of the criteria in this section.

- (a) *Program planning and budget.* The Secretary reviews each application to determine —
- (1) The extent to which the activities for which the applicant seeks funding are of high quality and directly related to the purpose of the National Resource Centers Program;
 - (2) The extent to which the applicant provides a development plan or timeline demonstrating how the proposed activities will contribute to a strengthened program and whether the applicant uses its resources and personnel effectively to achieve the proposed objectives;
 - (3) The extent to which the costs of the proposed activities are reasonable in relation to the objectives of the program; and
 - (4) The long-term impact of the proposed activities on the institution's undergraduate training program.

- (b) *Quality of staff resources.* The Secretary reviews each application to determine—
- (1) The extent to which teaching faculty and other staff are qualified for the current and proposed Center activities and training programs, are provided professional development opportunities (including overseas experience), and participate in teaching, supervising, and advising students;
 - (2) The adequacy of Center staffing and oversight arrangements, including outreach and administration and the extent to which faculty from a variety of departments, professional schools, and the library are involved; and
 - (3) The extent to which the applicant, as part of its nondiscriminatory employment practices, encourages applications for employment from persons who are members of groups that have been traditionally underrepresented, such as members of racial or ethnic minority groups, women, persons with disabilities, and the elderly.
- (c) *Impact and evaluation.* The Secretary reviews each application to determine—
- (1) The extent to which the Center's activities and training programs have a significant impact on the university, community, region, and the Nation as shown through indices such as enrollments, graduate placement data, participation rates for events, and usage of Center resources; the extent to which students matriculate into advanced language and area or international studies programs or related professional programs; and the extent to which the applicant supplies a clear description of how the applicant will provide equal access and treatment of eligible project participants who are members of groups that have been traditionally underrepresented, such as members of racial or ethnic minority groups, women, persons with disabilities, and the elderly;
 - (2) The extent to which the applicant provides an evaluation plan that is comprehensive and objective and that will produce quantifiable, outcome-measure-oriented data; and the extent to which recent evaluations have been used to improve the applicant's program;
 - (3) The degree to which activities of the Center address national needs, and generate information for and disseminate information to the public; and
 - (4) The applicant's record of placing students into post-graduate employment, education, or training in areas of national need and the applicant's stated efforts to increase the number of such students that go into such placements.
- (d) *Commitment to the subject area on which the Center focuses.* The Secretary reviews each application to determine the extent to which the institution provides financial and other support to the operation of the Center, teaching staff for the Center's subject area, library resources, linkages with institutions abroad, outreach activities, and qualified students in fields related to the Center.
- (e) *Strength of library.* The Secretary reviews each application to determine—
- (1) The strength of the institution's library holdings (both print and non-print, English and foreign language) in the subject area and at the educational levels (graduate, professional, undergraduate) on which the Center focuses; and the

- extent to which the institution provides financial support for the acquisition of library materials and for library staff in the subject area of the Center; and
- (2) The extent to which research materials at other institutions are available to students through cooperative arrangements with other libraries or on-line databases and the extent to which teachers, students, and faculty from other institutions are able to access the library's holdings.
- (f) *Quality of the Center's non-language instructional program.* The Secretary reviews each application to determine—
- (1) The quality and extent of the Center's course offerings in a variety of disciplines;
 - (2) The extent to which the Center offers depth of specialized course coverage in one or more disciplines of the Center's subject area;
 - (3) The extent to which the institution employs a sufficient number of teaching faculty to enable the Center to carry out its purposes and the extent to which instructional assistants are provided with pedagogy training; and
 - (4) The extent to which interdisciplinary courses are offered for undergraduate students.
- (g) *Quality of the Center's language instructional program.* The Secretary reviews each application to determine—
- (1) The extent to which the Center provides instruction in the languages of the Center's subject area and the extent to which students enroll in the study of the languages of the subject area through programs offered by the Center or other providers;
 - (2) The extent to which the Center provides three or more levels of language training and the extent to which courses in disciplines other than language, linguistics, and literature are offered in appropriate foreign languages;
 - (3) Whether sufficient numbers of language faculty are available to teach the languages and levels of instruction described in the application and the extent to which language teaching staff (including faculty and instructional assistants) have been exposed to current language pedagogy training appropriate for performance-based teaching; and
 - (4) The quality of the language program as measured by the performance-based instruction being used or developed, the adequacy of resources for language teaching and practice, and language proficiency requirements.
- (h) *Quality of curriculum design.* The Secretary reviews each application to determine—
- (1) The extent to which the Center's curriculum has incorporated undergraduate instruction in the applicant's area or topic of specialization into baccalaureate degree programs (for example, major, minor, or certificate programs) and the extent to which these programs and their requirements (including language requirements) are appropriate for a Center in this subject area and will result in an undergraduate training program of high quality; and
 - (2) The extent to which the Center provides academic and career advising services for students; the extent to which the Center has established formal arrangements for students to conduct research or study abroad and the extent

to which these arrangements are used; and the extent to which the institution facilitates student access to other institutions' study abroad and summer language programs.

- (i) *Outreach activities.* The Secretary reviews each application to determine the extent to which the Center demonstrates a significant and measurable regional and national impact of, and faculty and professional school involvement in, domestic outreach activities that involve—
- (1) Elementary and secondary schools;
 - (2) Postsecondary institutions; and
 - (3) Business, media and the general public.
- (j) *Degree to which priorities are served.* If, under the provisions of §656.23, the Secretary establishes competitive priorities for Centers, the Secretary considers the degree to which those priorities are being served.

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(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1122)

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§ 656.23 What priorities may the Secretary establish?

- (a) The Secretary may select one or more of the following funding priorities:
- (1) Specific countries or world areas, such as, for example, East Asia, Africa, or the Middle East.
 - (2) Specific focus of a Center, such as, for example, a single world area; international studies; a particular issue or topic, e.g., business, development issues, or energy; or any combination.
 - (3) Level or intensiveness of language instruction, such as intermediate or advanced language instruction, or instruction at an intensity of 10 contact hours or more per week.
 - (4) Types of activities to be carried out, for example, cooperative summer intensive language programs, course development, or teacher training activities.

(b) The Secretary may select one or more of the activities listed in §656.5 as a funding priority.

(c) The Secretary announces any priorities in the application notice published in the Federal Register.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1122)

Subpart D—What Conditions Must Be Met By a Grantee?

§ 656.30 What are allowable costs and limitations on allowable costs?

(a) *Allowable costs.* Except as provided under paragraph (b) of this section, a grant awarded under this part may be used to pay all or part of the cost of establishing, strengthening, or operating a comprehensive or undergraduate Center including, but not limited to, the cost of—

- (1) Faculty and staff salaries and travel;
- (2) Library acquisitions;
- (3) Teaching and research materials;

- (4) Curriculum planning and development;
 - (5) Bringing visiting scholars and faculty to the Center to teach, conduct research, or participate in conferences or workshops;
 - (6) Training and improvement of staff;
 - (7) Projects conducted in cooperation with other centers addressing themes of world, regional, cross-regional, international, or global importance; and
 - (8) Summer institutes in the United States or abroad designed to provide language and area training in the Center's field or topic.
- (b) *Limitations on allowable costs.* The following are limitations on allowable costs:
- (1) Equipment costs exceeding 10 percent of the grant are not allowable.
 - (2) Funds for undergraduate travel are allowable only in conjunction with a formal program of supervised study in the subject area on which the Center focuses.
 - (3) Grant funds may not be used to supplant funds normally used by applicants for purposes of this part.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1122)

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PART 657—FOREIGN LANGUAGE AND AREA STUDIES FELLOWSHIPS PROGRAM

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Subpart A—General

§ 657.1 What is the Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowships Program?

Under the Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowships Program, the Secretary awards fellowships, through institutions of higher education, to students who are—

- (a) Enrolled for undergraduate or graduate training in a Center or program approved by the Secretary under this part; and
- (b) Undergoing performance-based modern foreign language training or training in a program for which performance-based modern foreign language instruction is being developed, in combination with area studies, international studies, or the international aspects of professional studies.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1122)

[61 FR 50202, Sept. 24, 1996, as amended at 74 FR 35073, July 17, 2009]

§ 657.2 Who is eligible to receive an allocation of fellowships?

- (a) The Secretary awards an allocation of fellowships to an institution of higher education or to a consortium of institutions of higher education that—
 - (1) Operates a Center or program approved by the Secretary under this part;
 - (2) Teaches modern foreign languages under a program described in paragraph (b) of this section; and
 - (3) In combination with the teaching described in paragraph (a)(2) of this section—
 - (i) Provides instruction in the disciplines needed for a full understanding of the area, regions, or countries in which the foreign languages are commonly used; or
 - (ii) Conducts training and research in international studies, the international aspects of professional and other fields of study, or issues in world affairs that concern one or more countries.
- (b) In teaching those modern foreign languages for which an allocation of fellowships is made available, the institution must be either using a program of performance-based training or developing a performance-based training program.
- (c) The Secretary uses the criteria in §657.21 both to approve Centers and programs for the purpose of receiving an allocation of fellowships and to evaluate applications for an allocation of fellowships.
- (d) An institution does not need to receive a grant under the National Resource Center Program (34 CFR part 656) to receive an allocation of fellowships under this part.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1122)

[61 FR 50202, Sept. 24, 1996, as amended at 74 FR 35073, July 17, 2009]

§ 657.3 Who is eligible to receive a fellowship?

A student is eligible to receive a fellowship if the student—

- (a)
 - (1) Is a citizen or national of the United States; or
 - (2) Is a permanent resident of the United States;
- (b) Is accepted for enrollment or is enrolled—
 - (1) In an institution receiving an allocation of fellowships; and
 - (2) In a program that combines modern foreign language training with—
 - (i) Area or international studies; or

- (ii) Research and training in the international aspects of professional and other fields of study;
- (c) Shows potential for high academic achievement based on such indices as grade point average, class ranking, or similar measures that the institution may determine;
- (d) Is enrolled in a program of modern foreign language training in a language for which the institution has developed or is developing performance-based instruction;
- (e) In the case of an undergraduate student, is in the intermediate or advanced study of a less commonly taught language; or
- (f) In the case of a graduate student, is engaged in—
 - (1) Predissertation level study;
 - (2) Preparation for dissertation research;
 - (3) Dissertation research abroad; or
 - (4) Dissertation writing.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1122)

[61 FR 50202, Sept. 24, 1996, as amended at 74 FR 35073, July 17, 2009]

§ 657.4 What regulations apply?

The following regulations apply to this program:

- (a) The regulations in 34 CFR part 655.
- (b) The regulations in this part 657.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1122)

§ 657.5 What definitions apply?

The following definitions apply to this part:

- (a) The definitions in 34 CFR 655.4.
- (b) *Center* means an administrative unit of an institution of higher education that has direct access to highly qualified faculty and library resources, and coordinates a concentrated effort of educational activities, including training in modern foreign languages and various academic disciplines, in its subject area.
- (c) *Fellow* means a person who receives a fellowship under this part.
- (d) *Fellowship* means the payment a fellow receives under this part.
- (e) *Program* means a concentration of educational resources and activities in modern foreign language training and related studies.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1122)

Subpart B—How Does an Institution or a Student Submit an Application?

§ 657.10 What combined application may an institution submit?

An institution that wishes to apply for an allocation of fellowships and for a grant to operate a Center under 34 CFR part 656 may submit a combined application for both grants to the Secretary.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1122)

§ 657.11 How does a student apply for a fellowship?

- (a) A student shall apply for a fellowship directly to an institution of higher education that has received an allocation of fellowships.

- (b) The applicant shall provide sufficient information to enable the institution to determine whether he or she is eligible to receive a fellowship and whether he or she should be selected to receive a fellowship.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1122)

Subpart C—How Does the Secretary Select an Institution for an Allocation of Fellowships?

§ 657.20 How does the Secretary evaluate an institutional application for an allocation of fellowships?

- (a) The Secretary evaluates an institutional application for an allocation of fellowships on the basis of the quality of the applicant's Center or program. The applicant's Center or program is evaluated and approved under the criteria in §657.21.
- (b) The Secretary informs applicants of the maximum possible score for each criterion in the application package or in a notice published in the Federal Register.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1122)

[61 FR 50202, Sept. 24, 1996, as amended at 70 FR 13375, Mar. 21, 2005]

§ 657.21 What criteria does the Secretary use in selecting institutions for an allocation of fellowships?

The Secretary evaluates an institutional application for an allocation of fellowships on the basis of the criteria in this section.

- (a) *Foreign language and area studies fellowships awardee selection procedures.* The Secretary reviews each application to determine whether the selection plan is of high quality, showing how awards will be advertised, how students apply, what selection criteria are used, who selects the fellows, when each step will take place, and how the process will result in awards being made to correspond to any announced priorities.
- (b) *Quality of staff resources.* The Secretary reviews each application to determine—
 - (1) The extent to which teaching faculty and other staff are qualified for the current and proposed activities and training programs, are provided professional development opportunities (including overseas experience), and participate in teaching, supervising, and advising students;
 - (2) The adequacy of applicant staffing and oversight arrangements and the extent to which faculty from a variety of departments, professional schools, and the library are involved; and
 - (3) The extent to which the applicant, as part of its nondiscriminatory employment practices, encourages applications for employment from persons who are members of groups that have been traditionally underrepresented, such as members of racial or ethnic minority groups, women, persons with disabilities, and the elderly.
- (c) *Impact and evaluation.* The Secretary reviews each application to determine—
 - (1) The extent to which the applicant's activities and training programs have contributed to an improved supply of specialists on the program's subject as shown through indices such as undergraduate and graduate enrollments and placement data; and the extent to which the applicant supplies a clear description of how the applicant will provide equal access and treatment of eligible project participants who are members of groups that have been

- traditionally underrepresented, such as members of racial or ethnic minority groups, women, persons with disabilities, and the elderly;
- (2) The extent to which the applicant provides an evaluation plan that is comprehensive and objective and that will produce quantifiable, outcome-measure-oriented data; and the extent to which recent evaluations have been used to improve the applicant's program;
 - (3) The degree to which fellowships awarded by the applicant address national needs; and
 - (4) The applicant's record of placing students into post-graduate employment, education, or training in areas of national need and the applicant's stated efforts to increase the number of such students that go into such placements.
- (d) *Commitment to the subject area on which the applicant or program focuses.* The Secretary reviews each application to determine—
- (1) The extent to which the institution provides financial and other support to the operation of the applicant, teaching staff for the applicant's subject area, library resources, and linkages with institutions abroad; and
 - (2) The extent to which the institution provides financial support to students in fields related to the applicant's teaching program.
- (e) *Strength of library.* The Secretary reviews each application to determine—
- (1) The strength of the institution's library holdings (both print and non-print, English and foreign language) for students; and the extent to which the institution provides financial support for the acquisition of library materials and for library staff in the subject area of the applicant; and
 - (2) The extent to which research materials at other institutions are available to students through cooperative arrangements with other libraries or on-line databases.
- (f) *Quality of the applicant's non-language instructional program.* The Secretary reviews each application to determine—
- (1) The quality and extent of the applicant's course offerings in a variety of disciplines, including the extent to which courses in the applicant's subject matter are available in the institution's professional schools;
 - (2) The extent to which the applicant offers depth of specialized course coverage in one or more disciplines on the applicant's subject area;
 - (3) The extent to which the institution employs a sufficient number of teaching faculty to enable the applicant to carry out its purposes and the extent to which instructional assistants are provided with pedagogy training; and
 - (4) The extent to which interdisciplinary courses are offered for students.
- (g) *Quality of the applicant's language instructional program.* The Secretary reviews each application to determine—
- (1) The extent to which the applicant provides instruction in the languages of the applicant's subject area and the extent to which students enroll in the study of the languages of the subject area through programs or instruction offered by the applicant or other providers;

- (2) The extent to which the applicant provides three or more levels of language training and the extent to which courses in disciplines other than language, linguistics, and literature are offered in appropriate foreign languages;
 - (3) Whether sufficient numbers of language faculty are available to teach the languages and levels of instruction described in the application and the extent to which language teaching staff (including faculty and instructional assistants) have been exposed to current language pedagogy training appropriate for performance-based teaching; and
 - (4) The quality of the language program as measured by the performance-based instruction being used or developed, the adequacy of resources for language teaching and practice, and language proficiency requirements.
- (h) *Quality of curriculum design.* The Secretary reviews each application to determine—
- (1) The extent to which the applicant's curriculum provides training options for students from a variety of disciplines and professional fields and the extent to which these programs and their requirements (including language requirements) are appropriate for an applicant in this subject area and result in graduate training programs of high quality;
 - (2) The extent to which the applicant provides academic and career advising services for students; and
 - (3) The extent to which the applicant has established formal arrangements for students to conduct research or study abroad and the extent to which these arrangements are used; and the extent to which the institution facilitates student access to other institutions' study abroad and summer language programs.
- (i) *Priorities.* If one or more competitive priorities have been established under §657.22, the Secretary reviews each application for information that shows the extent to which the Center or program meets these priorities.

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§ 657.22 What priorities may the Secretary establish?

- (a) The Secretary may establish one or more of the following priorities for the allocation of fellowships:
 - (1) Specific world areas, or countries, such as East Asia or Mexico.
 - (2) Languages, such as Chinese.
 - (3) Levels of language offerings.
 - (4) Academic disciplines, such as linguistics or sociology.
 - (5) Professional studies, such as business, law, or education;
 - (6) Particular subjects, such as population growth and planning, or international trade and business.
 - (7) A combination of any of these categories.
- (b) The Secretary announces any priorities in the application notice published in the Federal Register.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1122)

Subpart D—What Conditions Must Be Met by a Grantee and a Fellow?

§ 657.30 What is the duration of and what are the limitations on fellowships awarded to individuals by institutions?

- (a) *Duration.* An institution may award a fellowship to a student for—
 - (1) One academic year; or
 - (2) One summer session if the summer session provides the fellow with the equivalent of one academic year of modern foreign language study.
- (b) *Vacancies.* If a fellow vacates a fellowship before the end of an award period, the institution to which the fellowship is allocated may reward the balance of the fellowship to another student if—
 - (1) The student meets the eligibility requirements in §657.3; and
 - (2) The remaining fellowship period comprises at least one full academic quarter, semester, trimester, or summer session as described in paragraph (a)(2) of this section.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1122)

§ 657.31 What is the amount of a fellowship?

- (a)
 - (1) An institution shall award a stipend to fellowship recipients.
 - (2) Each fellowship includes an institutional payment and a subsistence allowance to be determined by the Secretary.
 - (3) If the institutional payment determined by the Secretary is greater than the tuition and fees charged by the institution, the institutional payment portion of the fellowship is limited to actual tuition and fees. The difference between actual tuition and fees and the Secretary's institutional payment shall be used to fund additional fellowships to the extent that funds are available for a full subsistence allowance.
 - (4) If permitted by the Secretary, a stipend awarded to a graduate level recipient may include allowances for dependents and travel for research and study in the United States and abroad.
 - (5) A stipend awarded to an undergraduate level recipient may include an allowance for educational programs in the United States or educational programs abroad that—
 - (i) Are closely linked to the overall goals of the recipient's course of study; and
 - (ii) Have the purpose of promoting foreign language fluency and knowledge of foreign cultures.
- (b) The Secretary announces in an application notice published in the Federal Register—
 - (1) The amounts of the subsistence allowance and the institutional payment for an academic year and the subsistence allowance and the institutional payment for a summer session;
 - (2) Whether travel and dependents' allowances will be permitted; and
 - (3) The amount of travel and dependents' allowances.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1122)

[61 FR 50202, Sept. 24, 1996, as amended at 74 FR 35073, July 17, 2009]

§ 657.32 What is the payment procedure for fellowships?

- (a) An institution shall pay a fellow his or her subsistence and any other allowance in installments during the term of the fellowship.
- (b) An institution shall make a payment only to a fellow who is in good standing and is making satisfactory progress.
- (c) The institution shall make appropriate adjustments of any overpayment or underpayment to a fellow.
- (d) Funds not used by one recipient for reasons of withdrawal are to be used for alternate recipients to the extent that funds are available for a full subsistence allowance.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1122)

§ 657.33 What are the limitations on the use of funds for overseas fellowships?

- (a) Before awarding a fellowship for use outside the United States, an institution shall obtain the approval of the Secretary.
- (b) The Secretary may approve the use of a fellowship outside the United States if the student is—
 - (1) Enrolled in an overseas foreign language program approved by the institution at which the student is enrolled in the United States for study at an intermediate or advanced level or at the beginning level if appropriate equivalent instruction is not available in the United States; or
 - (2) Engaged during the academic year in research that cannot be done effectively in the United States and is affiliated with an institution of higher education or other appropriate organization in the host country.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1122)

§ 657.34 Under what circumstances must an institution terminate a fellowship?

An institution shall terminate a fellowship if—

- (a) The fellow is not making satisfactory progress, is no longer enrolled, or is no longer in good standing at the institution; or
- (b) The fellow fails to follow the course of study, including modern foreign language study, for which he or she applied, unless a revised course of study is otherwise approvable under this part.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1122)

GENERAL EDUCATION PROVISIONS ACT (GEPA)

NOTICE TO ALL APPLICANTS: EQUITY FOR STUDENTS, EDUCATORS, AND OTHER PROGRAM BENEFICIARIES

Section 427 of the General Education Provisions Act (GEPA) (20 U.S.C. 1228a) applies to applicants for grant awards under this program.

ALL APPLICANTS FOR NEW GRANT AWARDS MUST INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IN THEIR APPLICATIONS TO ADDRESS THIS PROVISION IN ORDER TO RECEIVE FUNDING UNDER THIS PROGRAM.

Please respond to the following requests for information:

1. Describe how your entity's existing mission, policies, or commitments ensure equitable access to, and equitable participation in, the proposed project or activity.
2. Based on your proposed project or activity, what barriers may impede equitable access and participation of students, educators, or other beneficiaries?
3. Based on the barriers identified, what steps will you take to address such barriers to equitable access and participation in the proposed project or activity?
4. What is your timeline, including targeted milestones, for addressing these identified barriers?

Notes:

1. Applicants are not required to have mission statements or policies that align with equity in order to submit an application.
2. Applicants may identify any barriers that may impede equitable access and participation in the proposed project or activity, including, but not limited to, barriers based on economic disadvantage, gender, race, ethnicity, color, national origin, disability, age, language, migrant status, rural status, homeless status or housing insecurity, pregnancy, parenting, or caregiving status, and sexual orientation.
3. Applicants may have already included some or all of this required information in the narrative sections of their applications or their State Plans. In responding to this requirement, for each question, applicants may provide a cross-reference to the section(s) and page number(s) in their applications or State Plans that includes the

information responsive to that question on this form or may restate that information on this form.

Paperwork Burden Statement

According to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless such collection displays a valid OMB control number. The valid OMB control number for this information collection is 1894-0005. Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 3 hours per response, including time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering, and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. The obligation to respond to this collection is required to obtain or retain a benefit. If you have any comments concerning the accuracy of the time estimate or suggestions for improving this individual collection, send your comments to ICDocketMgr@ed.gov and reference OMB Control Number 1894-0005. All other comments or concerns regarding the status of your individual form may be addressed to either (a) the person listed in the FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT section in the competition Notice Inviting Applications, or (b) your assigned program officer.

PERFORMANCE INDICATORS FOR THE NATIONAL RESOURCE CENTERS AND FOREIGN LANGUAGE AND AREA STUDIES FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMS

The Department of Education has prepared a strategic plan for 2022-2026. This plan reflects the Department's priorities and integrates them with its mission and program authorities and describes how the Department will work to improve education for all children and adults in the U.S. The 2022-2026 plan includes the following five goals:

Goal 1: Promote equity in student access to educational resources, opportunities, and inclusive environments.

Goal 2: Support a diverse and talented educator workforce and professional growth to strengthen student learning.

Goal 3: Meet students' social, emotional, and academic needs.

Goal 4: Increase postsecondary value by focusing on equity-conscious strategies to address access to high quality institutions, affordability, completion, post-enrollment success, and support for inclusive institutions.

Goal 5: Enhance the Department's internal capacity to optimize the delivery of its mission.

What are the Performance Indicators for the NRC Program?

The NRC Program provides grants to institutions of higher education or a consortium of institutions of higher education to establish, strengthen, and operate comprehensive and undergraduate language and area or international studies centers. The Department will use the following measures to evaluate the overall success of the NRC Program:

1. Percentage of priority languages defined by the Secretary of Education taught at NRCs.
2. Percentage of NRC grants teaching intermediate or advanced courses in priority languages as defined by the Secretary of Education.
3. Percentage of NRCs that increased the number of intermediate or advanced level language courses in the priority and/or LCTLs (less commonly taught languages) during the course of the grant period.
4. Percentage of NRCs that increased the number of certificate, minor, or major degree programs in the priority and/or LCTLs, area studies, or international studies during the course of the four-year grant period.
5. Percentage of less and least commonly taught languages as defined by the Secretary of Education taught at Title VI NRCs.
6. Cost per NRC that increased the number of intermediate or advanced level language courses in the priority and/or LCTLs during the course of the grant period

What are the Performance Indicators for the FLAS Program?

The FLAS Program provides academic year and summer fellowships to institutions of higher education to assist undergraduate and graduate students in foreign language and area or international studies. The Department will use the following measures to evaluate the overall success of the FLAS Program:

1. Percentage of FLAS-graduated fellows who secured employment that utilizes their foreign language and area studies skills within 8 years after graduation, based on the FLAS tracking survey.
2. Percentage of FLAS master's and doctoral graduates who studied priority languages as defined by the Secretary of Education.
3. Percentage of FLAS fellows who increased their foreign language reading, writing, and/or listening/speaking scores by at least one proficiency level.

The information provided by grantees in their performance reports submitted into IRIS will be the source of data for these measures.

DIVERSE PERSPECTIVES AND AREAS OF NEED

(www.Grants.gov Part III, Other Attachment Form)

Sec. 602 (e) of the Title VI of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended requires that each institution of higher education desiring a grant (NRC and/or FLAS) shall include in the application -

- (1) An explanation of how the activities funded by the grant will reflect diverse perspectives and a wide range of views and generate debate on world regions and international affairs (3000 characters); **and**
- (2) A description of how the applicant will encourage government service in areas of national need, as identified by the Secretary, as well as in areas of need in the education, business, and nonprofit sectors (3000 characters).

Recommended format for the Diverse Perspectives and Areas of Need descriptions

- Present both descriptions on one, single-spaced page (each description clearly identified, however); or, use a separate, single-spaced page for each description.
- If a consortium applicant, submit the Diverse Perspectives and the Areas of Need descriptions for the lead institution and each partner institution(s).

APPLICATION FORMAT AND COMPONENTS

Recommended Format

A “page” is “8.5” x 11”, on one side only, with 1” margins at the top, bottom, and both sides. Page numbers and an identifier (e.g., the institution name and Center), may be within the 1” margin. Double space (no more than three lines per vertical inch) all text in the application narrative, except titles, headings, footnotes, quotations, references, and captions. Charts, tables, figures, and graphs in the application narrative may be single-spaced and **will count toward the recommended page limit**. Applicants may use one of the following fonts: Times New Roman, Courier, Courier New or Arial. Use a font that is either 12 point or larger, or no smaller than 10 pitch (characters per inch). However, you may use a 10 point font in charts, tables, figures, and graphs.

The recommended page limit, (50 pages for an institution applicant, or 60 pages for a consortium applicant), does not apply to Part I, the Application for Federal Assistance face sheet (SF 424); the supplemental SF 424 form; Part II, Budget Information- Non-Construction Programs; the detailed line item budget; Part IV, the assurances, certifications, and the response to section 427 of the General Education Provisions Act; the project abstract, the table of contents; the list of acronyms, the diverse perspectives/areas of need descriptions, the appendices; and the NRC/FLAS profile sheet. However, the recommended page limit does apply to all of the application narrative.

SF 424, Application for Federal Assistance (Cover Sheet)

Supplemental Information Form for SF 424

Abstract (www.Grants.gov Part III/ED Abstract Form)

The recommended maximum number of pages for the abstract is two pages. An effective abstract will convey how the proposed project directly relates to the purposes and priorities of the program(s) for which you are requesting federal funds. The abstract should summarize the activities and intended outcomes of the project for the FY XXXX-XXXX grant period. References to previous grants, if applicable, should be limited, as the purpose of the abstract is to introduce the institution(s) to the reviewers and to draw their attention to what you intend to accomplish in this proposed project and the intended impact of the proposed activities.

The abstract should also provide an overview of the Center’s unique characteristics, including, but not limited to, its mission, world area or thematic focus, the internal and external constituencies it serves, degree programs, faculty and staff resources, scope of area studies, international studies, and language courses; library resources; and outreach.

Indicate the NRC and/or FLAS competitive preference priorities that will be addressed in the Application (Project) Narrative, but do not include the actual descriptions/discussions in the abstract. Indicating the priorities will be helpful to staff for the application screening process.

Acronyms List (www.Grants.gov Part III/Other Attachment Form)

Include a list of acronyms to identify the administrative units, organizations, entities, etc., referenced throughout the application narrative. So that reviewers are not distracted by the overuse of acronyms, however, it is advised that you occasionally use the name of the unit, organization, etc., instead of the acronym.

APPLICATION (PROJECT) NARRATIVE (WWW.GRANTS.GOV PART III /APPLICATION NARRATIVE ATTACHMENT FORM)

The application (project) narrative ([www.Grants.gov](http://WWW.GRANTS.GOV) Part III/Application Narrative Attachment Form) is where you, the applicant, address the selection criteria, priorities, and application requirements that reviewers will use to evaluate your application. We recommend that you limit the Application (Project) Narrative to no more than 50 pages for a single institution, and to no more than 60 pages for a consortium applicant. For the complete details and standards for the application narrative, please read the FY XX NIA published in the *Federal Register*.

NRC SELECTION CRITERIA

The selection criteria that the reviewers will use to evaluate **Comprehensive NRC applications** are from 34 CFR part 656, **§656.21**, and are on pages 57-61 of the application instructions.

The selection criteria that the reviewers will use to evaluate **Undergraduate NRC applications** are from 34 CFR part 656, **§656.22**, and are on pages 67-69 of the application instructions.

We recommend that the Application (Project) Narrative for a Comprehensive or an Undergraduate NRC application use the following headings and sequence:

- | | |
|---|---------------------------|
| 1. Commitment to the Subject Area on Which the Center Focuses | (up to 5 points) |
| 2. Quality of the Center's Language Instructional Program | (up to 14 points) |
| 3. Quality of the Center's Non-Language Instructional Program | (up to 14 points) |
| 4. Quality of Curriculum Design | (up to 13 points) |
| 5. Quality of Staff Resources | (up to 13 points) |
| 6. Strength of Library | (up to 6 points) |
| 7. Impact and Evaluation | (up to 25 points) |
| 8. Outreach Activities | (up to 9 points) |
| 9. Program Planning and Budget | (up to 25 points) |
| 10. Priorities | (up to 5 points) |
| Total points possible | (up to 129 points) |

Note: NRC applications that include a request for FLAS fellowships will have addressed many of the FLAS selection criteria below. Please review the FLAS selection criteria carefully in order to provide any additional and appropriate information to address the FLAS selection criteria.

FLAS SELECTION CRITERIA

The selection criteria that the reviewers will use to evaluate applications for allocations of **FLAS fellowships** are from 34 CFR part 657, **§657.21**, and are on pages 67-69 of the application

instructions. If you request an allocation of FLAS fellowships either as a FLAS-only applicant, or in addition to your request for NRC funds, the application narrative must respond to the following FLAS selection criteria in **§657.21**.

1. Commitment to the Subject Area on Which the Applicant Focuses (up to 5 points)
2. Quality of the Applicant's Language Instructional Program (up to 14 points)
3. Quality of the Applicant's Non-Language Instructional Program (up to 14 points)
4. Quality of Curriculum Design (up to 13 points)
5. Quality of Staff Resources (up to 13 points)
6. Strength of Library (up to 6 points)
7. Impact and Evaluation (up to 25 points)
8. FLAS Awardee Selection Procedures (up to 10 points)
9. Competitive Preference Priorities (up to 10 points)
10. **Total points possible (up to 110 points)**

BUDGET

ED 524 Budget Summary Section A (www.Grants.gov Part II/Forms)

Ed 524 Budget Narrative Section C (www.Grants.gov Part III/Budget Narrative Attachment)

The application budget consists of the ED 524 form Section A Budget Summary (www.Grants.gov Part II) and a detailed line item budget (Summary C) that provides descriptive notes for all items of costs for which you are requesting NRC and/or FLAS support (www.Grants.gov Part III/Budget Narrative Attachment). The ED 524 form and the budget detail notes must cover the entire 48-month project period. Present the four-year budget detail using the categories used in the ED 524 form: Personnel, Fringe Benefits, Travel, Supplies, Training Stipends, Other, Indirect Cost, and Total Direct Cost.

Reminders about the ED 524 Form Summary A- Non-Construction Programs:

- Enter the total amount requested for FLAS fellowships in cell number 11, "Training Stipends."
- Use the **restricted** indirect cost rate for the NRC program, which is eight percent.
- Do not apply the indirect cost rate to the amount requested for FLAS fellowships.

NRC Line Item Detailed Budget (www.Grants.gov Part III/Budget Narrative Attachment)

1. **Personnel:** Include the salaries for key project personnel. Indicate the title, e.g., area studies faculty, Uyghur language instructor, fellowship coordinator, outreach coordinator, and the time and effort for each position (person). Place the consultant and evaluator fees, the hourly wages for administrative support, graduate assistants, Web masters, etc., in the "Other" category.

- Do not put the project director's salary on the grant.
- Limit the time effort and compensation for non-language positions to no more than 50% on the grant.
- If needed, language instructors can be put on the grant at 100% effort. The application narrative, however, should provide a compelling reason for 100% support from the grant, and should also explain how the institution plans to continue and sustain instruction in the languages after the project period ends.

Fringe Benefits: You may charge the institution's normal fringe benefit rate to the grant. (Leave this blank if fringe benefits applicable to direct salaries and wages are treated as part of the indirect costs, and indicate that this is the case in the budget notes.)

2 CFR Part 200 of the Uniform Administrative Requirements, §200.431(a)

Compensation-Fringe Benefits. Fringe benefits are allowances and services provided by employers to their employees as compensation in addition to regular salaries and wages. Fringe benefits include, but are not limited to: the costs of leave (vacation, family-related, sick, or military), employee insurance, pensions, and unemployment benefit plans. Except as provided elsewhere in these principles, the costs of fringe benefits are allowable provided that the benefits are reasonable and are required by law, non-Federal entity-employee agreement, or an established policy of the non-Federal entity.

2. **Travel:** Include the cost of project employees' travel in Travel. Indicate the number of persons traveling, the destinations, and provide a breakdown of travel costs (transportation, lodging, per diem). Include domestic and international travel requests. Requested airfare shall be economy /coach class.

The travel costs for non-employees, consultants, evaluators, workshop facilitators and presenters, conference speakers, performers for outreach events, etc., belong in the "Other" budget category.

3. **Supplies:** Include the materials necessary for conducting, developing, or implementing the project, such as library acquisitions, conference and workshop materials, curriculum toolkits, software, computers, etc. Supplies are items that have an acquisition cost of \$5,000 or less per unit.
4. **Contractual:** If a formal contract is entered into with another party or individual to conduct a project activity, the applicant institution must follow the institution's procedures for soliciting and awarding contracts.
5. **Construction:** Not applicable. Leave blank.
6. **Other:** Project costs that do not fall into the previous line items are placed here. Costs in this category, as with all discretionary grant categories, must be reasonable and necessary for implementing the project activities. These might include, but are not limited to: travel costs for non-employees; conference registration fees, consultant and evaluator fees, hourly wages to be paid to teaching/graduate assistants, if applicable, visa fees, conference speaker fees, and course development grants. Provide a detailed breakdown of the costs, such as the number of days for the per diem being requested; number of days and the fees

for consultant or evaluator services; printing costs; ground transportation costs, advertising costs for outreach activities, memberships in business, technical, and professional organizations related to the project, and workshop materials for teacher institutes.

**2 CFR Part 200 of the Uniform Administrative Requirements, §200.459(a)
Professional services costs.**

Costs of professional and consultant services by person who are who are not officials or employees of the non-Federal entity are allowable.

Professional services fees should not exceed amounts permitted under comparable institutional policies.

FLAS Budget (www.Grants.gov Part III/Budget Narrative Attachment)

Allocation of Fellowships. An applicant institution may request an allocation of academic year fellowships and/or summer fellowships in a FLAS budget (training stipends category). FYI, the institutional eligibility requirements for receiving an allocation of fellowships are in §657.2 of the FLAS program regulations; the student eligibility requirements for receiving fellowships are in §657.3 of the FLAS program regulations.

- Summer fellowships support intensive language training only, and must be used to attend domestic or overseas programs. The training should provide the fellow with the equivalent of one academic year of modern foreign language study.
- Academic year fellowships must be used for study that combines modern foreign language training with area studies, international studies, or the international aspects of professional or other fields of study.
- Academic year fellowships may also be awarded to conduct dissertation research; however, the research must be conducted overseas.
- Each fellowship includes an institutional payment and a subsistence allowance.
- If your application includes an NRC and a FLAS budget, we recommend that you present the FLAS detailed budget after the NRC detailed budget. If your application includes only a FLAS budget, submit ED 524 Section A Summary Budget with the FLAS funds inserted on line 11 (Training Stipends), along with the detailed FLAS budget.
- A detailed FLAS budget should itemize the academic year fellowships and the summer fellowships. If a consortium applicant, clearly indicate the number of FLAS fellowships and the amounts requested for each institution in the consortium, as follows:

FY XXXX-XXXX

Academic Year Graduate Fellowships

(7) Institutional payment @ \$18,000= \$126,000

(7) Subsistence allowance @ \$20,000= \$140,000

Total AY Graduate Request: \$266,000

Academic Year Undergraduate Fellowships

(4) Institutional payment @ \$10,000= \$40,000

(4) Subsistence allowance @ \$ 5,000= \$20,000
Total AY Undergraduate Request: \$60,000

Summer Fellowships

(3) Institutional payment @ \$5,000 = \$15,000
(3) Subsistence allowance @ \$2,500 = \$ 7,500
Total Summer Request: \$22,500

Total FLAS Amount Requested: \$348,500

Enter \$348,500 as the FLAS Request for Year 1, Year 2, Year 3, and Year 4 in cell 11, "Training Stipends", on the ED 524 form.

Budget Reminders

- To the extent possible, present all four years of the NRC and FLAS budgets across a page to show how project costs evolve over the course of the project, e.g., institution absorbs picks up language instruction costs, contributes to area studies faculty line, etc.
- Cross-reference pages to the project narrative in the budget detail to show the relevance of requested costs to the proposed project activities.

Curriculum Vitae (www.Grants.gov Part III/Other Attachments Form)

Provide curriculum vitae which include the following information for all faculty who will be contributing time and expertise to the proposed project:

Department and tenure status

Education

Academic experience

Overseas experience

Language(s) and level of proficiency

Note: include a legend to explain the metric for the proficiency level

Language pedagogy training

Instructional content area expertise represented as a percentage

Number of area studies, international studies, language courses taught

Research and training specialization

Number of recent publications

Number of dissertations and/or theses supervised in the past five years

Recent Recognitions/Awards/Honors

Recommended tips for the CVs

- Include an index to show how the curriculum vitae (CVs) are organized.
- Present two CVs per page; the Project Director and the Associate Director CVs may be each be one full page.
- Double-side all CV pages.

Position Descriptions (www.Grants.gov Part III/Other Attachments Form)

Include position descriptions for prospective project personnel. Provide the projected salary/compensation and sufficient detail to demonstrate that the position(s) are necessary and the compensation is reasonable.

Course List (www.Grants.gov, Part III/Other Attachments Form)

The course list represents the breadth and depth of the area studies courses, international studies courses, and language courses available through the Center/Institute/Program. The course list should align with/substantiate the information that was presented in the narrative to demonstrate the quality of the Center’s non-language instructional program and language instructional program.

The course list in FY 26 application should provide the following:

| <u>Timeframe</u> | <u>Course Information</u> |
|------------------|---------------------------|
| XXXX-XXXX: | Courses and enrollments |
| XXXX-XXXX: | Courses being offered |
| XXXX-XXXX: | Courses to be offered |

If Title VI funds will be used to support (in full or in part) any courses during the period XXXX-XXXX, please mark those courses with asterisks.

Recommended tips for the Course List

- Include an index to show how the course list is organized.
- Indicate the 25% - 100% area studies or international studies content.
- Provide descriptions for area studies courses or international studies courses when the titles do not explicitly convey areas studies or international studies content.
- Include the course credits, if applicable. If institutional policies dictate that certain bur relevant courses may not be credit-bearing, explain why.
- Indicate courses that are cross listed.

Letters of Support (www.Grants.gov, Part III/Other Attachment Form)

- Recommended maximum number of support letters: 5.
- Support letters should attest to the quality of the proposed project; the leadership skills and acumen of the project director; the potential impact of the project on stakeholders, participants, service area, etc.; should affirm the importance of the project and that it would be a good investment of Federal funds, among other attributes.

Assurances and Certifications (www.Grants.gov Part IV/Assurances and Certifications)

- Assurances-for Non-Construction Programs (SF424B)
- GEPA Section 427 Description
- Grants.gov Lobbying Form
- Disclosure of Lobbying Activities (SF-LLL)

INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVIEW OF FEDERAL PROGRAMS

EXECUTIVE ORDER 12372

This program falls under Executive Order 12372 (Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs) and the regulations in 34 CFR Part 79. One of the objectives of the Executive Order is to strengthen federalism--or the distribution of responsibility between localities, States, and the Federal government--by fostering intergovernmental partnerships. This idea includes supporting processes that State or local governments have devised for coordinating and reviewing proposed Federal financial grant applications.

The process for doing this requires grant applicants to contact State Single Points of Contact for information on how this works. Multi-state applicants should follow procedures specific to each state.

Further information about the State Single Point of Contact process and a list of names by State can be found at: <https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/SPOC-4-13-20.pdf>.

Absent specific State review programs, applicants may submit comments directly to the Department. All recommendations and comments must be mailed or hand-delivered by the date indicated in the actual application notice to the following address: The Secretary, EO 12372-- Assistance Listing Number # [commenter must insert number--including suffix letter, if any], U.S. Department of Education, room 7E200, 400 Maryland Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20202.

Proof of mailing will be determined on the same basis as applications (see 34 CFR §75.102). Recommendations or comments may be hand-delivered until 4:30 p.m. Eastern time on the closing date indicated in this notice.

Important note: The above address is used to submit comments about the EO 12372 only. Do not submit your applications to this address. Applications are submitted to the State Point of Contact.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR STANDARD FORMS

- Application for Federal Assistance (SF 424)
- Department of Education Supplemental Form for the SF 424
- Department of Education Budget Summary Form (ED 524)
- Disclosure of Lobbying Activities (SF-LLL)

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE SF-424

Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 60 minutes per response, including time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding the burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to the Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reduction Project (0348-0043), Washington, DC 20503.

PLEASE DO NOT RETURN YOUR COMPLETED FORM TO THE OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET. SEND IT TO THE ADDRESS PROVIDED BY THE SPONSORING AGENCY.

This is a standard form (including the continuation sheet) required for use as a cover sheet for submission of preapplications and applications and related information under discretionary programs. Some of the items are required and some are optional at the discretion of the applicant or the Federal agency (agency). Required items are identified with an asterisk on the form and are specified in the instructions below. In addition to the instructions provided below, applicants must consult agency instructions to determine specific requirements.

1. **Type of Submission:** (Required) Select one type of submission in accordance with agency instructions.
 - Pre-application
 - Application
 - Changed/Corrected Application - If requested by the agency, check if this submission is to change or correct a previously submitted application. Unless requested by the agency, applicants may not use this to submit changes after the closing date.
2. **Type of Application:** (Required) Select one type of application in accordance with agency instructions.
 - New - An application that is being submitted to an agency for the first time.
 - Continuation - An extension for an additional funding/budget period for a project with a projected completion date. This can include renewals.
 - Revision - Any change in the federal government's financial obligation or contingent liability from an existing obligation. If a revision, enter the appropriate letter(s). More than one may be selected. If "Other" is selected, please specify in text box provided.
 - A. Increase Award
 - B. Decrease Award
 - C. Increase Duration

D. Decrease Duration

E. Other (specify)

3. **Date Received:** Leave this field blank. This date will be assigned by the Federal agency.
 4. **Applicant Identifier:** Enter the entity identifier assigned by the Federal agency, if any, or the applicant's control number if applicable.
 - 5a. **Federal Entity Identifier:** Enter the number assigned to your organization by the Federal agency, if any.
 - 5b. **Federal Award Identifier:** For new applications leave blank. For a continuation or revision to an existing award, enter the previously assigned Federal award identifier number. If a changed/corrected application, enter the Federal Identifier in accordance with agency instructions.
1. **Date Received by State:** Leave this field blank. This date will be assigned by the State, if applicable.
 2. **State Application Identifier:** Leave this field blank. This identifier will be assigned by the State, if applicable.
 3. **Applicant Information:** Enter the following in accordance with agency instructions:
 - a. **Legal Name:** (Required) Enter the legal name of applicant that will undertake the assistance activity. This is the organization that has registered with the Central Contractor Registry (CCR). Information on registering with CCR may be obtained by visiting: www.Grants.gov.
 - b. **Employer/Taxpayer Number (EIN/TIN):** (Required) Enter the employer or taxpayer identification number (EIN or TIN) as assigned by the Internal Revenue Service. If your organization is not in the US, enter 44-4444444.
 - c. **Organizational DUNS:** (Required) Enter the organization's DUNS or DUNS+4 number received from Dun and Bradstreet. Information on obtaining a DUNS number may be obtained by visiting the Grants.gov website.
 - d. **Address:** Enter the complete address as follows: Street address (Line 1 required), City (Required), County, State (Required, if country is US), Province, Country (Required), Zip/Postal Code (Required, if country is US).
 - e. **Organizational Unit:** Enter the name of the primary organizational unit (and department or division, if applicable) that will undertake the assistance activity, if applicable.
 - f. **Name and contact information of person to be contacted on matters involving this application:** Enter the name (First and last name required), organizational affiliation (if affiliated with an organization other than the applicant organization), telephone number (Required), fax number, and email address (Required) of the person to contact on matters related to this application.

4. **Type of Applicant:** (Required) Select up to three applicant type(s) in accordance with agency instructions.
 - A. State Government
 - B. County Government
 - C. City or Township Government
 - D. Special District Government
 - E. Regional Organization
 - F. U.S. Territory or Possession
 - G. Independent School District
 - H. Public/State Controlled Institution of Higher Education
 - I. Indian/Native American Tribal Government (Federally Recognized)
 - J. Indian/Native American Tribal Government (Other than Federally Recognized)
 - K. Indian/Native American Tribally Designated Organization
 - L. Public/Indian Housing Authority
 - M. Nonprofit with 501C3 IRS Status (Other than Institution of Higher Education)
 - N. Nonprofit without 501C3 IRS Status (Other than Institution of Higher Education)
 - O. Private Institution of Higher Education
 - P. Individual
 - Q. For-Profit Organization (Other than Small Business)
 - R. Small Business
 - S. Hispanic-serving Institution
 - T. Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs)
 - U. Tribally Controlled Colleges and Universities (TCCUs)
 - V. Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian Serving Institutions
 - W. Non-domestic (non-US) Entity
 - X. Other (specify)
5. **Name Of Federal Agency:** (Required) Enter the name of the Federal agency from which assistance is being requested with this application.
6. **Catalog Of Federal Domestic Assistance Number/Title:** Enter the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance number and title of the program under which assistance is requested, as found in the program announcement, if applicable.
7. **Funding Opportunity Number/Title:** (Required) Enter the Funding Opportunity Number and title of the opportunity under which assistance is requested, as if applicable.
8. **Competition Identification Number/Title:** Enter the Competition Identification Number and title of the competition under which assistance is requested, if applicable.

9. **Areas Affected By Project:** List the areas or entities using the categories (e.g., cities, counties, states, etc.) specified in agency instructions. Use the continuation sheet to enter additional areas, if needed.
10. **Descriptive Title of Applicant's Project:** (Required) Enter a brief descriptive title of the project. If appropriate, attach a map showing project location (e.g., construction or real property projects). For preapplications, attach a summary description of the project.
11. **Congressional Districts Of:** (Required) 16a. Enter the applicant's Congressional District, and 16b. Enter all District(s) affected by the program or project. Enter in the format: 2 characters State Abbreviation - 2-3 characters District Number, e.g., CA-12 for California 12th district, NC-103 for North Carolina's 103rd district.
- If all congressional districts in a state are affected, enter "all" for the district number, e.g., MD-all for all congressional districts in Maryland.
 - If nationwide, i.e. all districts within all states are affected, enter US-all.
 - If the program/project is outside the US, enter 00-000.
12. **Proposed Project Start and End Dates:** (Required) Enter the proposed start date and end date of the project.
13. **Estimated Funding:** (Required) Enter the amount requested or to be contributed during the first funding/budget period by each contributor. Value of in-kind contributions should be included on appropriate lines, as applicable. If the action will result in a dollar change to an existing award, indicate only the amount of the change. For decreases, enclose the amounts in parentheses.
14. **Is Application Subject to Review by State Under Executive Order 12372 Process?**
Applicants should contact the State Single Point of Contact (SPOC) for Federal Executive Order 12372 to determine whether the application is subject to the State intergovernmental review process. Select the appropriate box. If "a." is selected, enter the date the application was submitted to the State.
15. **Is the Applicant Delinquent on any Federal Debt?** (Required) Select the appropriate box. This question applies to the applicant organization, not the person who signs as the authorized representative. Categories of debt include delinquent audit disallowances, loans and taxes.
If yes, include an explanation on the continuation sheet.
16. **Authorized Representative:** (Required) To be signed and dated by the authorized representative of the applicant organization. Enter the name (First and last name required) title (Required), telephone number (Required), fax number, and email address (Required) of the person authorized to sign for the applicant.

A copy of the governing body's authorization for you to sign this application as the official representative must be on file in the applicant's office. (Certain Federal agencies may require that this authorization be submitted as part of the application.)

Instructions for Department of Education Supplemental Information for SF-424

1. Project Director. Name, address, telephone and fax numbers, and e-mail address of the person to be contacted on matters involving this application.

2. Novice Applicant. Check “Yes” or “No” only if assistance is being requested under a program that gives special consideration to novice applicants. Otherwise, **leave blank.**

Check “Yes” if you meet the requirements for novice applicants specified in the regulations in 34 CFR 75.225 and included on the attached page entitled “Definitions for Department of Education Supplemental Information for SF-424.” By checking “Yes” the applicant certifies that it meets these novice applicant requirements. Check “No” if you do not meet the requirements for novice applicants.

3. Human Subjects Research. (See I. A. “Definitions” in attached page entitled “Definitions for Department of Education Supplemental Information For SF-424.”)

If Not Human Subjects Research. Check “No” if research activities involving human subjects are not planned at any time during the proposed project period. The remaining parts of Item 3 are then not applicable.

If Human Subjects Research. Check “Yes” if research activities involving human subjects are planned at any time during the proposed project period, either at the applicant organization or at any other performance site or collaborating institution. Check “Yes” even if the research is exempt from the regulations for the protection of human subjects. (See I. B. “Exemptions” in attached page entitled “Definitions for Department of Education Supplemental Information for SF-424.”)

3a. If Human Subjects Research is Exempt from the Human Subjects Regulations.

Check “Yes” if all the research activities proposed are designated to be exempt from the regulations. Insert the exemption number(s) corresponding to one or more of the six exemption categories listed in I. B. “Exemptions.” In addition, follow the instructions in II. A. “Exempt Research Narrative” in the attached page entitled “Definitions for Department of Education Supplemental Information for SF-424.”

3a. If Human Subjects Research is Not Exempt from Human Subjects Regulations.

Check “No” if some or all of the planned research activities are covered (not exempt). In addition, follow the instructions in II. B. “Nonexempt Research Narrative” in the page entitled “Definitions for Department of Education Supplemental Information for SF-424.”

3a. Human Subjects Assurance Number. If the applicant has an approved Federal Wide (FWA) on file with the Office for Human Research Protections (OHRP), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, that covers the specific activity, insert the number in the space provided. If the applicant does not have an approved assurance on file with OHRP, enter “None.” In this case, the applicant, by signature on the SF-424, is declaring that it will comply with 34 CFR 97 and proceed to obtain the human subjects assurance upon request by the designated ED official. If the application is

recommended/selected for funding, the designated ED official will request that the applicant obtain the assurance within 30 days after the specific formal request.

Note about Institutional Review Board Approval. ED does not require certification of Institutional Review Board approval with the application. However, if an application that involves non-exempt human subjects research is recommended/selected for funding, the designated ED official will request that the applicant obtain and send the certification to ED within 30 days after the formal request.

Public Burden Statement. According to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless such collection displays a valid OMB control number. The valid OMB control number for this information collection is 1894-0007. The time required to complete this information collection is estimated to average between 15 and 45 minutes per response, including time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. The obligation to respond to this collection is required to obtain or retain benefit (20 USC 3474 General Education Provisions Act). If you have any comments concerning the accuracy of the time estimate, suggestions for improving this individual collection, or if you have comments or concerns regarding the status of your individual form, application or survey, please contact the U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Ave. SW, Washington, DC 20210-4537 directly.

Definitions for Department of Education Supplemental Information for SF-424 (Attachment to Instructions for Supplemental Information for SF-424)

Definitions:

Novice Applicant (See 34 CFR 75.225). For discretionary grant programs under which the Secretary gives special consideration to novice applications, a novice applicant means any applicant for a grant from ED that—

- Has never received a grant or subgrant under the program from which it seeks funding;
- Has never been a member of a group application, submitted in accordance with 34 CFR 75.127-75.129, that received a grant under the program from which it seeks funding; and
- Has not had an active discretionary grant from the Federal government in the five years before the deadline date for applications under the program. For the purposes of this requirement, a grant is active until the end of the grant's project or funding period, including any extensions of those periods that extend the grantee's authority to obligate funds.

In the case of a group application submitted in accordance with 34 CFR 75.127-75.129, a group includes only parties that meet the requirements listed above.

PROTECTION OF HUMAN SUBJECTS IN RESEARCH

I. Definitions and Exemptions

A. Definitions.

A research activity involves human subjects if the activity is research, as defined in the Department's regulations, and the research activity will involve use of human subjects, as defined in the regulations.

—Research

The ED Regulations for the Protection of Human Subjects, Title 34, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 97, define research as “a systematic investigation, including research development, testing and evaluation, designed to develop or contribute to generalizable knowledge.” *If an activity follows a deliberate plan whose purpose is to develop or contribute to generalizable knowledge it is research.* Activities which meet this definition constitute research whether or not they are conducted or supported under a program that is considered research for other purposes. For example, some demonstration and service programs may include research activities.

—Human Subject

The regulations define human subject as “a living individual about whom an investigator (whether professional or student) conducting research obtains (1) data through intervention or interaction with the individual, or (2) identifiable private information.” (1) *If an activity involves obtaining information about a living person by manipulating that person or that person's environment, as might occur when a new instructional technique is tested, or by communicating or interacting with the individual, as occurs with surveys and interviews, the definition of human subject is met.* (2) *If an activity involves obtaining private information about a living person in such a way that the information can be linked to that individual (the identity of the subject is or may be readily determined by the investigator or associated with the information), the definition of human subject is met.* [Private information includes information about behavior that occurs in a context in which an individual can reasonably expect that no observation or recording is taking place, and information which has been provided for specific purposes by an individual and which the individual can reasonably expect will not be made public (for example, a school health record).]

B. Exemptions.

Research activities in which the **only** involvement of human subjects will be in one or more of the following six categories of **exemptions** are not covered by the regulations:

(1) Research conducted in established or commonly accepted educational settings, involving normal educational practices, such as (a) research on regular and special education instructional strategies, or (b) research on the effectiveness of or the comparison among instructional techniques, curricula, or classroom management methods.

(2) Research involving the use of educational tests (cognitive, diagnostic, aptitude, achievement), survey procedures, interview procedures or observation of public behavior, unless: (a) information obtained is recorded in such a manner that human subjects can be identified, directly or through identifiers linked to the subjects; and (b) any disclosure of the human subjects' responses outside the research could reasonably place the subjects at risk of criminal or civil liability or be damaging to the subjects' financial standing, employability, or reputation. ***If the subjects are children, exemption 2 applies only to research involving educational tests and observations of public behavior when the investigator(s) do not participate in the activities being observed. Exemption 2 does not apply if children are surveyed or interviewed or if the research involves observation of public behavior and the investigator(s) participate in the activities being observed.*** [Children are defined as persons who have not attained the legal age for consent to treatments or procedures involved in the research, under the applicable law or jurisdiction in which the research will be conducted.]

(3) Research involving the use of educational tests (cognitive, diagnostic, aptitude, achievement), survey procedures, interview procedures or observation of public behavior that is not exempt under section (2) above, if the human subjects are elected or appointed public officials or candidates for public office; or federal statute(s) require(s) without exception that the confidentiality of the personally identifiable information will be maintained throughout the research and thereafter.

(4) Research involving the collection or study of existing data, documents, records, pathological specimens, or diagnostic specimens, if these sources are publicly available or if the information is recorded by the investigator in a manner that subjects cannot be identified, directly or through identifiers linked to the subjects.

(5) Research and demonstration projects which are conducted by or subject to the approval of department or agency heads, and which are designed to study, evaluate, or otherwise examine: (a) public benefit or service programs; (b) procedures for obtaining benefits or services under those programs; (c) possible changes in or alternatives to those programs or procedures; or (d) possible changes in methods or levels of payment for benefits or services under those programs.

(6) Taste and food quality evaluation and consumer acceptance studies, (a) if wholesome foods without additives are consumed or (b) if a food is consumed that contains a food ingredient at or below the level and for a use found to be safe, or agricultural chemical or environmental contaminant at or below the level found to be safe, by the Food and Drug Administration or approved by the Environmental Protection Agency or the Food Safety and Inspection Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

II. Instructions for Exempt and Nonexempt Human Subjects Research Narratives

If the applicant marked "Yes" for Item 3 of Department of Education Supplemental Information for SF 424, the applicant must provide a human subjects "exempt research" or "nonexempt research" narrative. Insert the narrative(s) in the space provided. If you have multiple projects and need to provide more than one narrative, be sure to label each set of responses as to the project they address.

A. Exempt Research Narrative.

If you marked "Yes" for item 3 a. and designated exemption numbers(s), provide the "exempt research" narrative. The narrative must contain sufficient information about the involvement of human subjects in the proposed research to allow a determination by ED that the designated exemption(s) are appropriate. The narrative must be succinct.

B. Nonexempt Research Narrative.

If you marked “No” for item 3 a. you must provide the “nonexempt research” narrative. The narrative must address the following seven points. Although no specific page limitation applies to this section of the application, be succinct.

(1) **Human Subjects Involvement and Characteristics:** Provide a detailed description of the proposed involvement of human subjects. Describe the characteristics of the subject population, including their anticipated number, age range, and health status. Identify the criteria for inclusion or exclusion of any subpopulation. Explain the rationale for the involvement of special classes of subjects, such as children, children with disabilities, adults with disabilities, persons with mental disabilities, pregnant women, prisoners, institutionalized individuals, or others who are likely to be vulnerable.

(2) **Sources of Materials:** Identify the sources of research material obtained from individually identifiable living human subjects in the form of specimens, records, or data. Indicate whether the material or data will be obtained specifically for research purposes or whether use will be made of existing specimens, records, or data.

(3) **Recruitment and Informed Consent:** Describe plans for the recruitment of subjects and the consent procedures to be followed. Include the circumstances under which consent will be sought and obtained, who will seek it, the nature of the information to be provided to prospective subjects, and the method of documenting consent. State if the Institutional Review Board (IRB) has authorized a modification or waiver of the elements of consent or the requirement for documentation of consent.

(4) **Potential Risks:** Describe potential risks (physical, psychological, social, legal, or other) and assess their likelihood and seriousness. Where appropriate, describe alternative treatments and procedures that might be advantageous to the subjects.

(5) **Protection Against Risk:** Describe the procedures for protecting against or minimizing potential risks, including risks to confidentiality, and assess their likely effectiveness. Where appropriate, discuss provisions for ensuring necessary medical or professional intervention in the event of adverse effects to the subjects. Also, where appropriate, describe the provisions for monitoring the data collected to ensure the safety of the subjects.

(6) **Importance of the Knowledge to be Gained:** Discuss the importance of the knowledge gained or to be gained as a result of the proposed research. Discuss why the risks to subjects are reasonable in relation to the anticipated benefits to subjects and in relation to the importance of the knowledge that may reasonably be expected to result.

(7) **Collaborating Site(s):** If research involving human subjects will take place at collaborating site(s) or other performance site(s), name the sites and briefly describe their involvement or role in the research.

Copies of the Department of Education’s Regulations for the Protection of Human Subjects, 34 CFR Part 97 and other pertinent materials on the protection of human subjects in research are available from the Grants Policy and Oversight Staff, Office of the Chief Financial Officer, U.S. Department of Education, Washington, D.C. 20202-4250, telephone: (202) 245-6120, and on the U.S. Department of Education’s Protection of Human Subjects in Research Web Site: <http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/OCFO/humansub.html>.

NOTE: The **State Applicant Identifier** on the SF 424 is for State Use only. Please complete it on the OMB Standard 424 in the upper right corner of the form (if applicable)

INSTRUCTIONS FOR U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION BUDGET INFORMATION FOR NON-CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMS (ED 524)

General Instructions

This form is used to apply to individual U.S. Department of Education (ED) discretionary grant programs. Unless directed otherwise, provide the same budget information for each year of the multi-year funding request. Pay attention to applicable program specific instructions, if attached. You may access the Education Department General Administrative Regulations cited within these instructions at: <https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-34/subtitle-A/part-75?toc=1>. You may access requirements from 2 CFR 200, "Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards" cited within these instructions at: <https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-2/subtitle-A/chapter-II/part-200?toc=1>.

You must consult with your Business Office prior to submitting this form.

Section A - Budget Summary

U.S. Department of Education Funds

All applicants must complete Section A and provide a break-down by the applicable budget categories shown in lines 1-11.

Lines 1-11, columns (a)-(e): For each project year for which funding is requested, show the total amount requested for each applicable budget category.

Lines 1-11, column (f): Show the multi-year total for each budget category. If funding is requested for only one project year, leave this column blank.

Line 12, columns (a)-(e): Show the total budget request for each project year for which funding is requested.

Line 12, column (f): Show the total amount requested for all project years. If funding is requested for only one year, leave this space blank.

Indirect Cost Information:

If you are requesting reimbursement for indirect costs on line 10 the indirect cost rate to be charged to the grant must be entered in the applicable field on line 10, and the following information is to be completed by your Business Office.

(1): Indicate whether or not your organization has an Indirect Cost Rate Agreement that was approved by the Federal government. If you checked "no," ED generally will authorize grantees to use a temporary rate of 10 percent of budgeted salaries and wages (complete (4) of this section when using the temporary rate) subject to the following limitations:

(a) The grantee must submit an indirect cost proposal to its cognizant agency within 90 days after ED issues a grant award notification; and

(b) If after the 90-day period, the grantee has not submitted an indirect cost proposal to its cognizant agency, the grantee may not charge its grant for indirect costs until it has negotiated an indirect cost rate agreement with its cognizant agency.

(2): If you checked “yes” in (1), provide a copy of your Indirect Cost Rate Agreement and indicate in (2) the beginning and ending dates covered by the Indirect Cost Rate Agreement. In addition, indicate whether ED, another Federal agency (Other) or State agency issued the approved agreement. If you check “Other,” specify the name of the Federal or other agency that issued the approved agreement.

(3): If you check “no” in (1), indicate in (3) if you want to use the de minimis rate of 10 percent of MTDC (see 2 CFR 200.68). If you use the de minimis rate, you are subject to the provisions in 2 CFR 200.414(f). Note, you may only use the 10 percent de minimis rate if you are a first time Federal grant recipient, and you do not have an Approved Indirect Cost Rate Agreement. You may not use the de minimis rate if you are a State, Local government, or Indian Tribe, or if your grant is funded under a training rate or restricted rate program.

(5): If you are applying for a grant under a Restricted Rate Program (34 CFR 75.563 or 76.563), indicate whether you are using a restricted indirect cost rate that is included on your approved Indirect Cost Rate Agreement, or whether you are using a restricted indirect cost rate that complies with 34 CFR 76.564(c)(2). Note: State or Local government agencies may not use the provision for a restricted indirect cost rate specified in 34 CFR 76.564(c)(2). Check only one response. Leave blank if this item is not applicable.

(6): For Training Rate Programs, ED regulations limit **non-governmental entities** to the recovery of indirect costs on training grants to the grantee’s actual indirect costs, as determined by its negotiated rate agreement, or 8 percent of a MTDC, whichever is lower (see EDGAR 75.562(c)(4)). The 8 percent limit also applies to cost-type contracts under grants, if these contracts are for training as defined in EDGAR 75.562(a). If a **non-governmental entity** that receives a grant under a training grant program does not have an approved indirect cost rate and wants to recover indirect costs, it may use a temporary rate of 10 percent of budgeted direct salaries and wages, but it must submit an indirect cost rate proposal to its cognizant agency for indirect costs within 90 days after ED issues the GAN. After the 90-day period, the government entity may not change its grant for indirect costs until it has negotiated an indirect cost rate agreement.

Section B - Budget Summary

Non-Federal Funds

If you are required to provide or volunteer to provide matching funds or other non-Federal resources to the project, these should be shown for each applicable budget category on lines 1-11 of Section B, Lines 1-11, columns (a)-(e): For each project year, for which matching funds or other contributions are provided, show the total contribution for each applicable budget category.

Lines 1-11, column (f): Show the multi-year total for each budget category. If non-Federal contributions are provided for only one year, leave this column blank.

Line 12, columns (a)-(e): Show the total matching or other contribution for each project year.

Line 12, column (f): Show the total amount to be contributed for all years of the multi-year project. If non-Federal contributions are provided for only one year, leave this space blank.

Section C - Budget Narrative [Attach separate sheet(s)]

Pay attention to applicable program specific instructions, if attached.

1. Provide an itemized budget breakdown, and justification by project year, for each budget category listed in Sections A and B. For grant projects that will be divided into two or more separately budgeted major activities or sub-projects, show for each budget category of a project year the breakdown of the specific expenses attributable to each sub-project or activity.

2. For non-Federal funds or resources listed in Section B that are used to meet a cost-sharing or matching requirement or provided as a voluntary cost-sharing or matching commitment, you must include:

a. The specific costs or contributions by budget category;

b. The source of the costs or contributions; and

c. In the case of third-party in-kind contributions, a description of how the value was determined for the donated or contributed goods or services;

[Please review cost sharing and matching regulations found in 2 CFR 200.306.]

3. If applicable to this program, provide the rate and base on which fringe benefits are calculated.

4. If you are requesting reimbursement for indirect costs on line 10, this information is to be completed by your Business Office. Specify the estimated amount of the base to which the indirect cost rate is applied and the total indirect expense. Depending on the grant program to which you are applying and/or your approved Indirect Cost Rate Agreement, some direct cost budget categories in your grant application budget may not be included in the base and multiplied by your indirect cost rate. For example, you must multiply the indirect cost rates of "Training grants" (34 CFR 75.562) and grants under programs with "Supplement not Supplant" requirements ("Restricted Rate" programs) by a "modified total direct cost" (MTDC) base (34 CFR 75.563 or 76.563). Please indicate which costs are included and which costs are excluded from the base to which the indirect cost rate is applied.

When calculating indirect costs (line 10) for "Training grants" or grants under "Restricted Rate" programs, you must refer to the information and examples on ED's website at:

<http://www.ed.gov/fund/grant/apply/appforms/appforms.html>.

You may also contact (202) 377-3838 for additional information regarding calculating indirect cost rates or general indirect cost rate information.

5. Provide other explanations or comments you deem necessary.

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this form, please write to U.S. Department of Education, Washington, D.C. 20202-4537. If you have comments or concerns regarding the status of your individual submission of this form, write directly to the Office of Finance and Operations, Office of Grants Administration, Grants Policy and Training Division, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20202.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETION OF SF-LLL, DISCLOSURE OF LOBBYING ACTIVITIES

This disclosure form shall be completed by the reporting entity, whether subawardee or prime Federal recipient, at the initiation or receipt of a covered Federal action, or a material change to a previous filing, pursuant to title 31 U.S.C. section 1352. The filing of a form is required for each payment or agreement to make payment to any lobbying entity for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with a covered Federal action. Complete all items that apply for both the initial filing and material change report. Refer to the implementing guidance published by the Office of Management and Budget for additional information.

1. Identify the type of covered Federal action for which lobbying activity is and/or has been secured to influence the outcome of a covered Federal action.
2. Identify the status of the covered Federal action.
3. Identify the appropriate classification of this report. If this is a follow-up report caused by a material change to the information previously reported, enter the year and quarter in which the change occurred. Enter the date of the last previously submitted report by this reporting entity for this covered Federal action.
4. Enter the full name, address, city, State and zip code of the reporting entity. Include Congressional District, if known. Check the appropriate classification of the reporting entity that designates if it is, or expects to be, a prime or subaward recipient. Identify the tier of the subawardee, e.g., the first subawardee of the prime is the 1st tier. Subawards include but are not limited to: subcontracts, subgrants and contract awards under grants.
5. If the organization filing the report in item 4 checks "Subawardee," then enter the full name, address, city, State and zip code of the prime Federal recipient. Include Congressional District, if known.
6. Enter the name of the federal agency making the award or loan commitment. Include at least one organizational level below agency name, if known. For example, Department of Transportation, United States Coast Guard.
7. Enter the Federal program name or description for the covered Federal action (item 1). If known, enter the full Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) number for grants, cooperative agreements, loans, and loan commitments.
8. Enter the most appropriate Federal identifying number available for the Federal action identified in item 1 (e.g., Request for Proposal (RFP) number; Invitations for Bid (IFB) number; grant announcement number; the contract, grant, or loan award number; the application/proposal control number assigned by the Federal agency). Included prefixes, e.g., "RFP-DE-90-001."

9. For a covered Federal action where there has been an award or loan commitment by the Federal agency, enter the Federal amount of the award/loan commitment for the prime entity identified in item 4 or 5.
10. (a) Enter the full name, address, city, State and zip code of the lobbying registrant under the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 engaged by the reporting entity identified in item 4 to influence the covered Federal action.

(b) Enter the full names of the individual(s) performing services, and include full address if different from 10(a). Enter Last Name, First Name, and Middle Initial (MI).
11. The certifying official shall sign and date the form, print his/her name, title, and telephone number.

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Answers to Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) for both the National Resource Center (NRC) and Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowships programs are available on the NRC program website: <https://www2.ed.gov/programs/iegpsnrc/faq.html>.

**INTERNATIONAL AND FOREIGN LANGUAGE EDUCATION
FISCAL YEAR 2026 TECHNICAL REVIEW FORMS**

NRC TECHNICAL REVIEW FORM (TRF)

**National Resource Centers Program (NRC)
Assistance Listing Number (84.015A)**

Cover Sheet

This technical review form is used to evaluate Comprehensive National Resource Center and Undergraduate National Resource Center applicants. Please transfer the scores from the inside pages to the correct columns on this cover sheet.

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| Applicant: | |
| World Area: | |
| NRC PR Number (84.015A): | |
| Reader: | |

| SELECTION CRITERIA | MAXIMUM POSSIBLE POINTS | COMPREHENSIVE NRC SCORES | UNDERGRADUATE NRC SCORES |
|---|-------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| A. Commitment to the subject area on which the Center focuses | 5 | | |
| B. Quality of the Center's language instructional program | 14 | | |
| C. Quality of the Center's non-language instructional program | 14 | | |
| D. Quality of curriculum design | 13 | | |
| E. Quality of staff resources | 13 | | |
| F. Strength of library | 6 | | |
| G. Impact and evaluation | 25 | | |
| H. Outreach activities | 9 | | |
| I. Program planning and budget | 25 | | |
| SUB-TOTAL | 124 | | |
| J. Competitive preference priority | 5 | | |

| SELECTION CRITERIA | MAXIMUM POSSIBLE POINTS | COMPREHENSIVE NRC SCORES | UNDERGRADUATE NRC SCORES |
|--------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| TOTAL POINTS | 129 | Reader's Score | Reader's Score |

A. COMMITMENT TO THE SUBJECT AREA ON WHICH THE CENTER FOCUSES (UP TO 5 POINTS)

1. For all NRC applicants: The extent to which the institution provides financial and other support to the operation of the Center, teaching staff for the Center's subject area, library resources, linkages with institutions abroad, outreach activities, and qualified students in fields related to the Center.

(Comprehensive and Undergraduate Centers: up to 5 points)

STRENGTHS:

WEAKNESSES:

NRC Points Awarded: X of 5

**SUMMARY A: Commitment to the subject area on which the Center focuses
TOTAL NRC SCORE: X of 5**

| Criterion A Summary | 1 | Total |
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| Score | | |

B. QUALITY OF THE CENTER’S LANGUAGE INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM (UP TO 14 POINTS)

1. For all NRC applicants: The extent to which the Center provides instruction in the languages of the Center’s subject area and the extent to which students enroll in the study of the languages of the subject area through programs or instruction offered by the Center or other providers.

(Comprehensive and Undergraduate Centers: up to 5 points)

STRENGTHS:

WEAKNESSES:

NRC Points Awarded: X of 5

2. For all NRC applicants: The extent to which the Center provides three or more levels of language training and the extent to which courses in disciplines other than language, linguistics, and literature are offered in appropriate foreign languages.

(Comprehensive and Undergraduate Centers: up to 3 points)

STRENGTHS:

WEAKNESSES:

NRC Points Awarded: X of 3

3. For all NRC applicants: Sufficient numbers of language faculty are available to teach the languages and levels of instruction described in the application and language teaching staff (including faculty and instructional assistants) have been exposed to current language pedagogy training appropriate for performance-based teaching.

(Comprehensive and Undergraduate Centers: up to 3 points)

STRENGTHS:

WEAKNESSES:

NRC Points Awarded: X of 3

4. For all NRC applicants: The quality of the language program as measured by the performance-based instruction being used or developed, the adequacy of resources for language teaching and practice, and language proficiency requirements.

(Comprehensive and Undergraduate Centers: up to 3 points)

STRENGTHS:



WEAKNESSES:

NRC Points Awarded: X of 3

SUMMARY B. Quality of the Center’s language instructional program
TOTAL NRC SCORE: X of 14

| Criterion B Summary | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | Total |
|------------------------|---|---|---|---|-------|
| Score | | | | | |

**C. QUALITY OF THE CENTER’S NON-LANGUAGE INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM
(UP TO 14 POINTS)**

- 1a. For Comprehensive NRC applicants: The quality and extent of the Center’s course offerings in a variety of disciplines, including the extent to which courses in the Center’s subject matter are available in the institution’s professional schools.

(Comprehensive Centers: up to 5 points)

STRENGTHS:

WEAKNESSES:

NRC Points Awarded: X of 5

- 1b. For Undergraduate NRC applicants: The quality and extent of the Center’s course offerings in a variety of disciplines.

(Undergraduate Centers: up to 5 points)

STRENGTHS:

WEAKNESSES:

NRC Points Awarded: X of 5

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2. For all NRC applicants: The extent to which the Center offers depth of specialized course coverage in one or more disciplines of the Center's subject area.

(Comprehensive and Undergraduate Centers: up to 3 points)

STRENGTHS:

WEAKNESSES:

NRC Points Awarded: X of 3

3. For all NRC applicants: The extent to which the institution employs a sufficient number of teaching faculty to enable the Center to carry out its purposes and the extent to which instructional assistants are provided with pedagogy training.

(Comprehensive and Undergraduate Centers: up to 3 points)

STRENGTHS:

WEAKNESSES:

NRC Points Awarded: X of 3

- 4a. For Comprehensive NRC applicants: The extent to which interdisciplinary courses are offered for undergraduate and graduate students.

(Comprehensive Centers: up to 3 points)

STRENGTHS:

WEAKNESSES:

NRC Points Awarded: X of 3

- 4b. For Undergraduate NRC applicants: The extent to which interdisciplinary courses are offered for undergraduate students.

(Undergraduate Centers: up to 3 points)

STRENGTHS:

WEAKNESSES:

NRC Points Awarded: X of 3

SUMMARY C. Quality of the Center’s non-language instructional program

TOTAL NRC SCORE: X of 14

| Criterion C Summary | 1a/1b | 2 | 3 | 4a/4b | Total |
|---------------------|-------|---|---|-------|-------|
| Score | | | | | |

D. QUALITY OF CURRICULUM DESIGN (UP TO 13 POINTS)

- 1a. For Comprehensive NRC applicants: The extent to which the Center’s curriculum has incorporated undergraduate instruction in the applicant’s area or topic of specialization into baccalaureate degree programs (for example, major, minor, or certificate programs) and the extent to which these programs and their requirements are appropriate for a Center in this subject area and will result in an undergraduate training program of high quality; and the extent to which Center’s curriculum provides training options for graduate students from a variety of disciplines and professional fields and the programs and requirements (including language requirements) are appropriate for the Center and will result in graduate training of high quality.

(Comprehensive Centers: up to 5 points)

STRENGTHS:

WEAKNESSES:

NRC Points Awarded: X of 5

- 1b. For Undergraduate NRC applicants: The extent to which the Center’s curriculum has incorporated undergraduate instruction in the applicant’s area or topic of specialization into baccalaureate degree programs (for example, major, minor, or certificate programs) and the extent to which these programs and their requirements are appropriate for a Center in this subject area and will result in an undergraduate training program of high quality.

(Undergraduate Centers: up to 5 points)

STRENGTHS:

WEAKNESSES:

NRC Points Awarded: X of 5

2. For all NRC applicants: The extent to which the applicant provides academic and career advising services for students.

(Comprehensive and Undergraduate Centers: up to 3 points)

STRENGTHS:

WEAKNESSES:

NRC Points Awarded: X of 3

3. For all NRC applicants: The extent to which the Center has established formal arrangements for students to conduct research or study abroad and the extent to which these arrangements are used; and the extent to which the institution facilitates student access to other institutions' study abroad and summer language programs.

(Comprehensive and Undergraduate Centers: up to 5 points)

STRENGTHS:

WEAKNESSES:

NRC Points Awarded: X of 5

SUMMARY D. Quality of curriculum design

TOTAL NRC SCORE: X of 13

| Criterion D Summary | 1a/1b | 2 | 3 | Total |
|---------------------|-------|---|---|-------|
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| Score | | | | |
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E. QUALITY OF STAFF RESOURCES (UP TO 13 POINTS)

1. For all NRC applicants: The extent to which teaching faculty and other staff are qualified for the current and proposed Center activities and training programs, are provided professional development opportunities (including overseas experience), and participate in teaching, supervising, and advising students.

(Comprehensive and Undergraduate Centers: up to 5 points)

STRENGTHS:

WEAKNESSES:

NRC Points Awarded: X of 5

2. For all NRC applicants: The adequacy of Center staffing and oversight arrangements, including outreach and administration and the extent to which faculty from a variety of departments, professional schools, and the library are involved.

(Comprehensive and Undergraduate Centers: up to 5 points)

STRENGTHS:

WEAKNESSES:

NRC Points Awarded: X of 5

3. For all NRC applicants: As part of its non-discriminatory employment practices, the applicant encourages applications for employment from persons who are members of groups that have been traditionally underrepresented, such as members of racial or ethnic minority groups, women, persons with disabilities, and the elderly.

(Comprehensive and Undergraduate Centers: up to 3 points)

STRENGTHS:

WEAKNESSES:

NRC Points Awarded: X of 3

SUMMARY E. Quality of staff resources
TOTAL NRC SCORE: X of 13

| Criterion E Summary | 1 | 2 | 3 | Total |
|---------------------|---|---|---|-------|
| Score | | | | |

F. STRENGTH OF LIBRARY (UP TO 6 POINTS)

1. For all NRC applicants: The strength of the institution's library holdings (both print and non-print, English and foreign language) in the subject area and at the educational levels (graduate, professional, undergraduate) on which the Center focuses; and the extent to which the institution provides financial support for the acquisition of library materials and for library staff in the subject area of the Center.

(Comprehensive and Undergraduate Centers: up to 3 points)

STRENGTHS:

WEAKNESSES:

NRC Points Awarded: X of 3

2. For all NRC applicants: Research materials at other institutions are available to students through cooperative arrangements with other libraries or on-line databases and teachers, students, and faculty from other institutions are able to access the library's holdings.

(Comprehensive and Undergraduate Centers: up to 3 points)

STRENGTHS:

WEAKNESSES:

NRC Points Awarded: X of 3

SUMMARY F. Strength of library
TOTAL NRC SCORE: X of 6

| Criterion F Summary | 1 | 2 | Total |
|------------------------|---|---|-------|
| Score | | | |

G. IMPACT AND EVALUATION (UP TO 25 POINTS)

- 1a. For Comprehensive NRC applicants: The extent to which the Center's activities and training programs have a significant impact on the university, community, region, and the Nation as shown through indices such as enrollments, graduate placement data, participation rates for events, and usage of Center resources.

(Comprehensive Centers: up to 5 points)

STRENGTHS:

WEAKNESSES:

NRC Points Awarded: X of 5

- 1a. For Undergraduate NRC applicants: The extent to which the Center's activities and training programs have a significant impact on the university, community, region, and the Nation as shown through indices such as enrollments, graduate placement data, participation rates for events, and usage of Center resources; and the extent to which students matriculate into advanced language and area or international studies programs or related professional programs.

(Undergraduate Centers: up to 5 points)

STRENGTHS:

WEAKNESSES:

NRC Points Awarded: X of 5

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2. For all NRC applicants: The applicant provided information to demonstrate its record of placing students into post-graduate employment, education, or training in areas of national need and the applicant's stated efforts to increase the number of such students that go into such placements.

(Comprehensive and Undergraduate Centers: up to 5 points)

STRENGTHS:

WEAKNESSES:

NRC Points Awarded: X of 5

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3. For all NRC applicants: The activities of the Center address national needs and generate information for and disseminate information to the public.

(Comprehensive and Undergraduate Centers: up to 5 points)

STRENGTHS:

WEAKNESSES:

NRC Points Awarded: X of 5

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4. For all NRC applicants: The applicant provided an evaluation plan that is comprehensive and objective, is likely to produce quantifiable, outcome-measure-oriented data, and shows that recent evaluation plans have been used to improve the applicant's program.

(Comprehensive and Undergraduate Centers: up to 5 points)

STRENGTHS:

WEAKNESSES:

NRC Points Awarded: X of 5

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5. For all NRC applicants: The applicant provided a clear description of how the applicant will provide equal access for and treatment of eligible project participants who are members of groups that have been traditionally underrepresented, such as members of racial or ethnic minority groups, women, persons with disabilities, and the elderly.

(Comprehensive and Undergraduate Centers: up to 5 points)

STRENGTHS:

WEAKNESSES:

NRC Points Awarded: X of 5

SUMMARY G. Impact and evaluation

TOTAL NRC SCORE: X of 25

| Criterion G Summary | 1a/1b | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | Total |
|---------------------|-------|---|---|---|---|-------|
| Score | | | | | | |

H. OUTREACH ACTIVITIES (UP TO 9 POINTS)

1. For All NRC Applicants: The Center demonstrates a significant and measurable regional and national impact of, and faculty and professional school involvement in, domestic outreach activities that involve the following:

- Elementary and secondary schools.

(Comprehensive and Undergraduate Centers: up to 3 points)

STRENGTHS:

WEAKNESSES:

NRC Points Awarded: X of 3

(b) Postsecondary institutions.

(Comprehensive and Undergraduate Centers: up to 3 points)

STRENGTHS:

WEAKNESSES:

NRC Points Awarded: X of 3

(c) Business, media, and the general public.

(Comprehensive and Undergraduate Centers: up to 3 points)

STRENGTHS:

WEAKNESSES:

NRC Points Awarded: X of 3

SUMMARY H. Outreach activities

TOTAL NRC SCORE: X of 9

| Criterion H Summary | 1 | 2 | 3 | Total |
|---------------------|---|---|---|-------|
| Score | | | | |

I. PROGRAM PLANNING AND BUDGET (UP TO 25 POINTS)

1. For all NRC applicants: The applicant provides a development plan or timeline demonstrating how the proposed activities will contribute to a strengthened program and whether the applicant uses its resources and personnel effectively to achieve the proposed objectives.

(Comprehensive and Undergraduate Centers: up to 10 points)

STRENGTHS:

WEAKNESSES:

NRC Points Awarded: X of 10

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2. For all NRC applicants: The activities for which the applicant seeks funding are of high quality and directly related to the purpose of the National Resource Centers Program.

(Comprehensive and Undergraduate Centers: up to 5 points)

STRENGTHS:

WEAKNESSES:

NRC Points Awarded: X of 5

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3. For all NRC applicants: The costs of the proposed activities are reasonable in relation to the objectives of the program.

(Comprehensive and Undergraduate Centers: up to 5 points)

STRENGTHS:

WEAKNESSES:

NRC Points Awarded: X of 5

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- 4a. For Comprehensive NRC applicants: The description of the long-term impact of the proposed activities on the institution's undergraduate, graduate, and professional training programs.

(Comprehensive Centers: up to 5 points)

STRENGTHS:

WEAKNESSES:

NRC Points Awarded: X of 5

- 4b. For Undergraduate NRC applicants: The description of the long-term impact of the proposed activities on the institution's undergraduate training program.
(Undergraduate Centers: up to 5 points)

STRENGTHS:

WEAKNESSES:

NRC Points Awarded: X of 5

SUMMARY I. Program planning and budget

TOTAL NRC SCORE: X of 25

| Criterion I Summary | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | Total |
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| Score | | | | | |

J. COMPETITIVE PREFERENCE PRIORITY (UP TO 5 POINTS)

1. For all NRC applicants: For FY 2026, there is one competitive preference priority for the NRC competition. The applicant may receive up to a total of five additional five points depending on how well the application meets the Competitive Preference Priority.

NRC Competitive Preference Priority: Under this priority, an applicant must demonstrate that the project will be implemented by or in partnership with one or more of the following entities:

1. Community colleges (as defined in the Notice Inviting Applications).
2. Historically Black colleges and universities (as defined in the Notice Inviting Applications).
3. Tribal Colleges and Universities (as defined in the Notice Inviting Applications).
4. Minority-serving institutions (as defined in the Notice Inviting Applications).

(Comprehensive and Undergraduate Centers: up to 5 points)

STRENGTHS:

WEAKNESSES:

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NRC Points Awarded: X of 5

**SUMMARY J. Competitive preference priority
TOTAL NRC SCORE: X of 5**

| Competitive Preference Priorities Summary | 1 | Total |
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| Score | | |

FLAS TECHNICAL REVIEW FORM (TRF)

**Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowships (FLAS)
Assistance Listing Number 84.015B**

Cover Sheet

This technical review form is used to evaluate applicants for the Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowships program. Please transfer the scores from the inside pages to the correct columns on this cover sheet.

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| Applicant: | |
| World Area: | |
| FLAS PR Number (84.015B): | |
| Reader: | |

| SELECTION CRITERIA | MAXIMUM POSSIBLE POINTS | FLAS APPLICANT SCORES |
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| A. Commitment to the subject area on which the applicant focuses | 5 | |
| B. Quality of the applicant's language instructional program | 14 | |
| C. Quality of the applicant's non-language instructional program | 14 | |
| D. Quality of curriculum design | 13 | |
| E. Quality of staff resources | 13 | |
| F. Strength of library | 6 | |
| G. Impact and evaluation | 25 | |
| H. FLAS awardee and selection procedures | 10 | |
| SUB-TOTAL | 100 | |
| I. Competitive preference priorities | 10 | |
| TOTAL POINTS | 110 | <i>Reader's Score</i> |

A. COMMITMENT TO THE SUBJECT AREA ON WHICH THE APPLICANT FOCUSES (UP TO 5 POINTS)

4. For all FLAS applicants: The extent to which the institution provides financial and other support to the operation of the applicant, teaching staff for the applicant's subject area, library resources, and linkages with institutions abroad, and financial support to qualified students in fields related to the applicant's teaching program.

(FLAS Applicants: up to 5 points)

STRENGTHS:

WEAKNESSES:

FLAS Points Awarded: X of 5

SUMMARY A: Commitment to the subject area on which the applicant focuses

TOTAL FLAS SCORE: X of 5

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| Criterion A Summary | 1 | Total |
| Score | | |

B. QUALITY OF THE APPLICANT'S LANGUAGE INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM (UP TO 14 POINTS)

5. For all FLAS applicants: The extent to which the applicant provides instruction in the languages of the applicant's subject area and the extent to which students enroll in the study of the languages of the subject area through programs or instruction offered by the applicant or other providers.

(FLAS Applicants: up to 5 points)

STRENGTHS:

WEAKNESSES:

FLAS Points Awarded: X of 5

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6. For all FLAS applicants: The extent to which the applicant provides three or more levels of language training and the extent to which courses in disciplines other than language, linguistics, and literature are offered in appropriate foreign languages.

(FLAS Applicants: up to 3 points)

STRENGTHS:

WEAKNESSES:

FLAS Points Awarded: X of 3

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7. For all FLAS applicants: Sufficient numbers of language faculty are available to teach the languages and the levels of instruction described in the application and language teaching staff (including faculty and instructional assistants) have been exposed to current language pedagogy training appropriate for performance-based teaching.

(FLAS Applicants: up to 3 points)

STRENGTHS:

WEAKNESSES:

FLAS Points Awarded: X of 3

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8. For all FLAS applicants: The quality of the language program as measured by the performance-based instruction being used or developed, the adequacy of resources for language teaching and practice, and language proficiency requirements.

(FLAS Applicants: up to 3 points)

STRENGTHS:

WEAKNESSES:

FLAS Points Awarded: X of 3

SUMMARY B. Quality of the applicant's language instructional program
TOTAL FLAS SCORE: X of 14

| Criterion B Summary | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | Total |
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| Score | | | | | |

C. QUALITY OF THE APPLICANT'S NON-LANGUAGE INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM (UP TO 14 POINTS)

1. For all FLAS applicants: The quality and extent of the applicant's course offerings in a variety of disciplines, including the extent to which courses in the applicant's subject matter are available in the institution's professional schools.
(FLAS Applicants: up to 5 points)

STRENGTHS:

WEAKNESSES:

FLAS Points Awarded: X of 5

5. For all FLAS applicants: The extent to which the applicant offers depth of specialized course coverage in one or more disciplines on the applicant's subject area.
(FLAS Applicants: up to 3 points)

STRENGTHS:

WEAKNESSES:

FLAS Points Awarded: X of 3

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6. For all FLAS applicants: The extent to which the institution employs a sufficient number of teaching faculty to enable the applicant to carry out its purposes and the extent to which instructional assistants are provided with pedagogy training.

(FLAS Applicants: up to 3 points)

STRENGTHS:

WEAKNESSES:

FLAS Points Awarded: X of 3

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4. For all FLAS applicants: The extent to which interdisciplinary courses are offered for students (undergraduate and graduate).

(FLAS Applicants: up to 3 points)

STRENGTHS:

WEAKNESSES:

FLAS Points Awarded: X of 3

SUMMARY C. Quality of the applicant's non-language instructional program

TOTAL FLAS SCORE: X of 14

| Criterion C | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | Total |
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D. QUALITY OF CURRICULUM DESIGN (UP TO 13 POINTS)

1. For all FLAS applicants: The extent to which the applicant’s curriculum provides training options for students from a variety of disciplines and professional fields and the extent to which these programs and their requirements (including language requirements) are appropriate for an applicant in this subject area and result in graduate training programs of high quality.

(FLAS Applicants: up to 5 points)

STRENGTHS:

WEAKNESSES:

FLAS Points Awarded: X of 5

2. For all FLAS applicants: The extent to which the applicant provides academic and career advising services for students.

(FLAS Applicants: up to 3 points)

STRENGTHS:

WEAKNESSES:

FLAS Points Awarded: X of 3

3. For all FLAS applicants: The extent to which the applicant has established formal arrangements for students to conduct research or study abroad and the extent to which these arrangements are used; and the extent to which the institution facilitates student access to other institutions’ study abroad and summer language programs.

(FLAS Applicants: up to 5 points)

STRENGTHS:

WEAKNESSES:

FLAS Points Awarded: X of 5

SUMMARY D. Quality of curriculum design
TOTAL FLAS SCORE: X of 13

| Criterion D Summary | 1 | 2 | 3 | Total |
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E. QUALITY OF STAFF RESOURCES (UP TO 13 POINTS)

4. For all FLAS applicants: The extent to which teaching faculty and other staff are qualified for the current and proposed activities and training programs, are provided professional development opportunities (including overseas experience), and participate in teaching, supervising, and advising students.

(FLAS Applicants: up to 5 points)

STRENGTHS:

WEAKNESSES:

FLAS Points Awarded: X of 5

5. For all FLAS applicants: The adequacy of applicant staffing and oversight arrangements and the extent to which faculty from a variety of departments, professional schools, and the library are involved.

(FLAS Applicants: up to 5 points)

STRENGTHS:

WEAKNESSES:

FLAS Points Awarded: X of 5

6. For all FLAS applicants: As part of its non-discriminatory employment practices, the applicant encourages applications for employment from persons who are members of groups that have been traditionally underrepresented, such as members of racial or ethnic minority groups, women, persons with disabilities, and the elderly.

(FLAS Applicants: up to 3 points)

STRENGTHS:

WEAKNESSES:

FLAS Points Awarded: X of 3

SUMMARY E. Quality of staff resources

TOTAL FLAS SCORE: X of 13

| Criterion E Summary | 1 | 2 | 3 | Total |
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| Score | | | | |

F. STRENGTH OF LIBRARY (UP TO 6 POINTS)

1. For all FLAS applicants: The strength of the institution's library holdings (both print and non-print, English and foreign language) for students; and the extent to which the institution provides financial support for the acquisition of library materials and for library staff in the subject area of the applicant.

(FLAS Applicants: up to 3 points)

STRENGTHS:

WEAKNESSES:

FLAS Points Awarded: X of 3

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2. For all FLAS applicants: Research materials at other institutions are available to students through cooperative arrangements with other libraries or on-line databases.

(FLAS Applicants: up to 3 points)

STRENGTHS:

WEAKNESSES:

FLAS Points Awarded: X of 3

SUMMARY F. Strength of library
TOTAL FLAS SCORE: X of 6

| Criterion F Summary | 1 | 2 | Total |
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| Score | | | |

G. IMPACT AND EVALUATION (UP TO 25 POINTS)

1. For all FLAS applicants: The applicant's activities and training programs have contributed to an improved supply of specialists on the program's subject area as shown through indices such as undergraduate and graduate enrollments and placement data.

(FLAS Applicants: up to 5 points)

STRENGTHS:

WEAKNESSES:

FLAS Points Awarded: X of 5

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4. For all FLAS applicants: The applicant provided information to demonstrate its record of placing students into post-graduate employment, education, or training in areas of national need and the applicant's stated efforts to increase the number of such students that go into such placements.

(FLAS Applicants: up to 5 points)

STRENGTHS:

WEAKNESSES:

FLAS Points Awarded: X of 5

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5. For all FLAS applicants: Fellowships awarded by the applicant address national needs.

(FLAS Applicants: up to 5 points)

STRENGTHS:

WEAKNESSES:

FLAS Points Awarded: X of 5

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6. For all FLAS applicants: The applicant provided an evaluation plan that is comprehensive and objective, is likely to produce quantifiable, outcome-measure-oriented data, and shows that recent evaluation plans have been used to improve the applicant's programs.

(FLAS Applicants: up to 5 points)

STRENGTHS:

WEAKNESSES:

FLAS Points Awarded: X of 5

7. For all FLAS applicants: The applicant provided a clear description of how the applicant will provide equal access for and treatment of eligible project participants who are members of groups that have been traditionally underrepresented, such as members of racial or ethnic minority groups, women, persons with disabilities, and the elderly.

(FLAS Applicants: up to 5 points)

STRENGTHS:

WEAKNESSES:

FLAS Points Awarded: X of 5

SUMMARY G. Impact and evaluation
TOTAL FLAS SCORE: X of 25

| Criterion G Summary | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | Total |
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| Score | | | | | | |

H. FLAS AWARDEE SELECTION PROCEDURES (UP TO 10 POINTS)

1. For all FLAS applicants: The selection plan is of high quality, showing how awards will be advertised, how students apply, what selection criteria are used, who selects the fellows, when each step will take place, and how the process will result in awards being made to correspond to any announced priorities.

(FLAS Applicants: up to 10 points)

STRENGTHS:

WEAKNESSES:

FLAS Points Awarded: X of 10

SUMMARY H. FLAS awardee selection procedures

TOTAL FLAS SCORE: X of 10

| Criterion H Summary | 1 | Total |
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| Score | | |

I. COMPETITIVE PREFERENCE PRIORITIES (UP TO 10 POINTS)

For all FLAS applicants: For FY 2026, these priorities are competitive preference priorities for the FLAS competition. The applicant may receive an additional five points depending on how well the application meets Competitive Preference Priority 1, and an additional five points depending on how well the application meets Competitive Preference Priority 2. An application may receive a total of 10 additional points under the Competitive Preference Priorities.

1. FLAS Competitive Preference Priority 1: Applications that propose to give preference when awarding fellowships to undergraduate students, graduate students, or both, who demonstrate financial need as indicated by the students' expected family contribution, as determined under part F of title IV of the HEA. This need determination will be based on the students' financial circumstances and not on other aid.

(FLAS Applicants: 0 or 5 points)

STRENGTHS:

WEAKNESSES:

FLAS Points Awarded: X of 5

2. . FLAS Competitive Preference Priority 2: Applications that propose to award at least 25 percent of academic year FLAS fellowships in modern foreign languages other than French, German, and Spanish.

(FLAS Applicants: 0 or 5 points)

STRENGTHS:

WEAKNESSES:

FLAS Points Awarded: X of 5

**SUMMARY I. Competitive preference priorities
TOTAL FLAS SCORE: X of 10**

| Competitive Preference Priorities Summary | 1 | 2 | Total |
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| Score | | | |