

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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Fulbright-Hays Faculty Research Abroad Fellowship Program, Fulbright-Hays Group Projects Abroad Program, and Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad Fellowship Program; Notice Inviting Applications for New Awards for Fiscal Year (FY) 1999

SUMMARY: The Assistant Secretary invites applications for new awards for FY 1999 and announces closing dates for the transmittal of applications under the Fulbright-Hays Faculty Research Abroad Fellowship Program (Faculty Research Abroad Fellowship Program), Fulbright-Hays Group Projects Abroad Program (Group Projects Abroad Program), and Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad Fellowship Program (Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad Fellowship Program).

Purpose of Programs

(a) The *Faculty Research Abroad Fellowship Program* offers opportunities to faculty members of higher education for research and study in modern foreign languages and area studies.

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

(c) The *Group Projects Abroad Program* provides grants to support overseas projects in training, research, and curriculum development in modern foreign languages and area studies by teachers, students, and faculty engaged in a common endeavor. Projects may include short-term seminars, curriculum development, group research or study, or advanced intensive language projects.

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

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

Dates: The date of availability of applications and the deadline for the transmittal of applications under each of these competitions are indicated in the chart in this notice.

Available Funds: The Congress has not yet enacted a FY 1999 appropriation for the Department of Education. However, the Department is publishing this notice in order to give potential applicants adequate time to prepare applications. The estimated amount of funds available for new awards under these competitions, as shown in the chart in this notice, is based on the President's 1999 budget.

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

FISCAL INFORMATION

CFDA number and name of program	Applications available	Deadline for transmittal of applications	Estimated range of awards	Estimated average size of awards	Estimated number of awards	Project period
84.019A Fulbright-Hays Faculty Research Abroad Fellowship Program.	9/8/1998	11/6/1998	\$18,000–\$70,000	\$43,000	21	3–12 Months
84.021A Fulbright-Hays Group Projects Abroad Program.	9/4/1998	10/26/1998	\$30,000–\$120,000	\$65,000	36	4–6 Weeks (Short-term seminars and curriculum development projects). 2–12 Months (Group research or study projects). Up to 36 Months (Advanced overseas intensive language training projects).
84.022A Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad Fellowship Program.	9/8/1998	11/6/1998	\$12,000–\$60,000	\$24,000	87	6–12 Months.

Applicable Regulations: (a) The Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) in 34 CFR parts 74, 75, 77, 80 (this applies to part 664 only), 81, 82, 85, and 86; and (b) the regulations for each of these programs as follows: Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad Fellowship Program, 34 CFR part 662; Fulbright-Hays Faculty Research Abroad Fellowship Program, 34 CFR part 663; and Fulbright-Hays Group Projects Abroad Program, 34 CFR part 664.

Priorities**Faculty Research Abroad Fellowship Program and Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad Fellowship Program**

Absolute Priority. The Secretary gives an absolute preference to applications that meet the priority in the next paragraph. The Secretary funds only applications that meet this absolute priority (34 CFR 75.105(c)(3); and either 34 CFR 662.21(d) or 663.21(d), as applicable).

Research projects that focus on one or more of the following: Africa, Central and Eastern Europe, East Asia, Eurasia, the Near East, South Asia, Southeast Asia and the Pacific, and the Western Hemisphere (Canada, the Caribbean,

Central and South America, and Mexico).

Note: Applications that propose projects focused on Western Europe will not be funded.

Group Projects Abroad Program

Absolute Priority. The Secretary gives an absolute preference to applications that meet the priority in the next paragraph. The Secretary funds only applications that meet this absolute priority (34 CFR 75.105(c)(3) and 34 CFR 664.32).

Group projects that focus on one or more of the following: Africa, Central and Eastern Europe, East Asia, Eurasia, the Near East, South Asia, Southeast Asia and the Pacific, and the Western

Hemisphere (Central and South America, the Caribbean, and Mexico).

Note: Applications that propose projects focused on Australia, Canada, and Western Europe will not be funded.

Competitive Priority. Within the absolute priority specified for the Group Projects Abroad Program, the Secretary gives preference to applications that meet the competitive priority in the next paragraph. The Secretary awards up to five points to an application that meets this competitive priority in a particularly effective way. These points are in addition to any points the application earns under the selection criteria for the program (34 CFR 75.105(c)(2)(i) and 34 CFR 664.30(b)).

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

For Applications or Information Contact

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For Group Projects Abroad Program: Dr. Lungching Chiao, U.S. Department of Education, International Education and Graduate Programs Service, 600 Independence Avenue, SW, Suite 600, Portals Building, Washington, D.C. 20202-5332. Telephone: (202) 401-9772.

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