

**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE****Office of the Secretary****The Joint Staff, National Defense University, Board of Visitors Meeting**

**AGENCY:** National Defense University, DoD.

**ACTION:** Notice of open meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The President, National Defense University (NDU) has scheduled a meeting of the Board of Visitors (BOV).

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on September 9th, 2003 from 09:00 to 14:00.

**ADDRESSES:** The Board will meet in Room 155 Marshall Hall, Building 62, National Defense University, 300 5th Avenue, Fort McNair, Washington, DC 20319-5066.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** NDU Deputy Chief Operations Officer & Assist Vice President for Administration, Mr. Michael Mann, National Defense University, Fort Lesley J. McNair, Washington, DC 20319-5066. To reserve seating space, interested persons should contact the NDU, POC Mr. Mann, at (202) 685-3903.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The agenda will address current and future teaching research, and outreach issues for the National Defense University and its components. The meeting is open to the public however, space is limited and will therefore be allocated to observers on a first come, first served basis.

POC for outside interests in Mr. Michael Mann, BOV Executive Secretary, at [mannm@ndu.edu](mailto:mannm@ndu.edu) and/or (202) 685-3903.

Dated: July 31, 2003.

**Patricia L. Toppings,**

*Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE****Office of the Secretary****Senior Executive Service Performance Review Board**

**AGENCY:** Office of the Inspector General of the Department of Defense.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces the appointment of the members of the Senior Executive Service (SES) Performance Review Board (PRB) for the Office of the Inspector General of the

Department of Defense (OIG DoD), as required by 5 U.S.C. 4314(c)(14).

The PRB provides fair and impartial review of SES performance appraisals and makes recommendations regarding performance ratings and performance awards to the Inspector General.

**EFFECTIVE DATES:** August 11, 2003.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Michael Peterson, Director, Human Capital Directorate, Office of the Chief of Staff, OIG DoD, 400 Army Navy Drive, Arlington, VA 22202, (703) 602-4516.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In accordance with 5 U.S.C. 4314(c)(4), the following executives are appointed to the OIG, DoD PRB:

Charles W. Beardall, Director, Defense Criminal Investigative Service, ODIG-Investigations.

Patricia A. Brannin, Assistant Inspector General for Audit Policy and Oversight, ODIG-Investigations and Policy.

David A. Brinkman, Director, Audit Follow-Up and Technical Support, ODIG-Auditing.

Thomas F. Gimble, Acting Deputy Inspector General for Intelligence.

Paul J. Granetto, Director, Defense Financial Auditing Service, ODIG-Auditing.

Louis J. Hansen, Deputy Inspector General for Inspections and Policy.

Francis E. Reardon, Deputy Inspector General for Auditing.

Richard T. Race, Deputy Inspector General for Investigations.

David K. Steensma, Deputy Assistant Inspector General for Auditing.

Shelton R. Young, Director, Readiness and Logistic Support, ODIG-Auditing.

Dated: August 5, 2003.

**Patricia L. Toppings,**

*Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION****Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request**

**AGENCY:** Department of Education.

**SUMMARY:** The Leader, Regulatory Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer invites comments on the submission for OMB review as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before September 11, 2003.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments should be addressed to the Office of

Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Karen Lee, Desk Officer, Department of Education, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW., Room 10235, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503 or should be electronically mailed to the internet address [Karen\\_F.Lee@omb.eop.gov](mailto:Karen_F.Lee@omb.eop.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. chapter 35) requires that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) provide interested Federal agencies and the public an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. OMB may amend or waive the requirement for public consultation to the extent that public participation in the approval process would defeat the purpose of the information collection, violate State or Federal law, or substantially interfere with any agency's ability to perform its statutory obligations. The Leader, Regulatory Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer, publishes that notice containing proposed information collection requests prior to submission of these requests to OMB. Each proposed information collection, grouped by office, contains the following: (1) Type of review requested, e.g., new, revision, extension, existing or reinstatement; (2) Title; (3) Summary of the collection; (4) Description of the need for, and proposed use of, the information; (5) Respondents and frequency of collection; and (6) Reporting and/or Recordkeeping burden. OMB invites public comment.

Dated: August 6, 2003.

**Angela C. Arrington,**

*Leader, Regulatory Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

**Office of the Under Secretary**

*Type of Review:* New.

*Title:* Clearance of Data Collection Instruments for the Evaluation of the Teaching American History Program.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

*Affected Public:* Not-for-profit institutions; State, local or Tribal Gov't, SEAs or LEAs.

*Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:*

*Responses:* 2,998.

*Burden Hours:* 2,492.

*Abstract:* The evaluation of the Teaching American History Grants Program (TAH program) is the first national study of Federal support for teacher training in traditional American history. The study will gather data from the directors of projects supported by TAH grants, and from teachers who

have participated in activities supported by TAH grants. The purpose of the evaluation is to inform future reauthorizations of the TAH program and to inform other Federal programs focusing on teacher training in specific areas.

Requests for copies of the proposed information collection request may be accessed from <http://edicsweb.ed.gov>, by selecting the "Browse Pending Collections" link and by clicking on link number 2288. When you access the information collection, click on "Download Attachments" to view. Written requests should be addressed to Vivian Reese, Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., Room 4050, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, DC 20202-4651. Requests may also be electronically mailed to the Internet address [OCIO.RIMG@ed.gov](mailto:OCIO.RIMG@ed.gov) or faxed to 202-708-9346. Please specify the complete title of the information collection when making your request. Comments regarding burden and/or the collection activity requirements should be directed to Sheila Carey at her e-mail address [Sheila.Carey@ed.gov](mailto:Sheila.Carey@ed.gov). Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[CFDA No. 84.200A]

### Office of Postsecondary Education; Graduate Assistance in Areas of National Need (GAANN) Program; Notice Inviting Applications for New Awards for Fiscal Year (FY) 2004

**Purpose of Program:** GAANN provides fellowships in areas of national need to assist graduate students with excellent academic records who demonstrate financial need and plan to pursue the highest degree available in their courses of study.

**Eligible Applicants:** Academic departments of institutions of higher education that meet the requirements in the program regulations at 34 CFR 648.2.

**Applications Available:** October 1, 2003.

**Deadline for Transmittal of Applications:** November 7, 2003.

**Deadline for Intergovernmental Review:** January 7, 2004.

**Estimated Available Funds:** The Administration has requested \$10,015,000 for the GAANN Program new awards for FY 2004. The actual

level of funding, if any, depends on final congressional action. However, we are inviting applications to allow enough time to complete the grant process, if Congress appropriates funds for this program.

**Estimated Range of Awards:**

\$124,668–\$750,000.

**Estimated Average Size of Awards:**

\$208,645.

**Estimated Number of Awards:** 48.

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

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

**Stipend Level:** The Secretary will determine the GAANN fellowship stipend for the academic year 2004–2005 based on the level of support provided by the National Science Foundation (NSF) graduate fellowships as of February 1, 2004, except that the amount will be adjusted as necessary so as not to exceed the GAANN fellow's demonstrated level of financial need.

**Institutional Payment:** The Secretary will determine the institutional payment for the academic year 2004–2005 by adjusting the previous academic year institutional payment, which is \$11,296 per fellow, by the U.S. Department of Labor's Consumer Price Index for the 2003 calendar year.

**Project Period:** Up to 36 months.

**Page Limit:** The application narrative (Part III of the application) is where you, the applicant, address the selection criteria that reviewers use to evaluate your application. You must limit Part III as follows:

Applications in a single discipline must be limited to no more than 40 pages.

Interdisciplinary applications, as defined below, must be limited to no more than 60 pages.

Multidisciplinary applications, as defined below, must be limited to no more than 40 pages for each academic discipline included in the proposal.

All applications (single discipline, Interdisciplinary and Multidisciplinary) must apply 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, including titles, headings, footnotes, quotations, references, and captions. However, you may single space all text in charts, tables, figures, and graphs. Charts, tables, figures, and graphs presented in the application narrative do count toward the page limit.

- Use a font that is either 12-point or larger or no smaller than 10 pitch (character per inch).

- Appendices are limited to the following: Curriculum vitae—no more than two pages per faculty member; a course listing; letters of support; bibliography; and one additional optional appendix relevant to the support of the proposal, not to exceed five pages.

The page limit does not apply to Part I, the cover sheet; Part II, the budget section; the assurances and certifications; the one-page abstract; or the appendices. However, you must include all of the application narrative in Part III.

We will reject your application if—

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

**Note:** Interdisciplinary applications request funding for a single proposed program of study that involves academic fields in two or more disciplines.

Multidisciplinary applications request funding for two or more proposed programs of study that are independent and unrelated to one another.

Applicants must abide by these definitions of "Interdisciplinary" and "Multidisciplinary" when applying the page limit standards.

**Applicable Regulations:** (a) The Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) in 34 CFR parts 74, 75, 77, 79, 82, 85, 86, 97, 98, and 99; and (b) The regulations for this program in 34 CFR part 648.

#### Priority

**Absolute Priority:** This competition focuses on projects designed to meet a priority in the regulations for this program (34 CFR 648.33).

**Areas of National Need:** A project must provide fellowships in one or more of the following areas of national need: biology, chemistry, computer and information sciences, engineering, geological and related sciences, mathematics, and physics.

Under 34 CFR 75.105(c)(3) we consider only applications that meet the priority.

#### Performance Measures

Under the Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA), two measures have been developed for evaluating the overall effectiveness of the GAANN Program: (1) To increase the percentage of GAANN fellows who obtain a doctorate degree in an area of national need; and (2) To increase the percentage of GAANN fellows from traditionally underrepresented populations.

All grantees will be expected to submit an annual performance report