

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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American Overseas Research Centers (AORC) Program; Notice Inviting New Awards For Fiscal Year (FY) 1998

Purpose of Program: The American Overseas Research Centers program provides grants to eligible consortia of domestic institutions of higher education to establish or operate overseas research centers that promote postgraduate research, exchanges, and area studies.

Eligible Applicants: Consortia of U.S. institutions of higher education.

Deadline for Transmittal of Applications: July 20, 1998.

Deadline for Intergovernmental Review: August 20, 1998.

Applications Available: June 16, 1998.

Available Funds: \$100,000.

Estimated Range of Awards: \$35,000–50,000.

Estimated Average Size of Awards: \$54,545.

Estimated Number of Awards: 3.

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

Project Period: 24 months, beginning October 1, 1998.

Applicable Regulations: (a) The Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) in 34 CFR Parts 74, 75, 77, 79, 82, 85, and 86.

Supplementary Information: Because there are no program specific regulations for this program, applicants are directed to the authorizing statute for the American Overseas Research Centers program, section 610 of part A, title VI, of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended. (20 U.S.C. 1127)

The Secretary shall only award grants to centers under this section that (1) receive more than 50 percent of their funding from public or private United

States sources; (2) have a permanent presence in the country in which the center is located; and (3) are organizations described in section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1993 which are exempt from taxation under section 501(a) of such Code.

Grants awarded under this program may be used to pay all or a portion of the cost of establishing or operating a center or program, including the cost of faculty and staff stipends and salaries; faculty, staff, and student travel; the operation and maintenance of overseas facilities; the cost of teaching and research materials; the cost of acquisition, maintenance, and preservation of library collections; the cost of bringing visiting scholars and faculty to a center to teach or to conduct research; the cost of organizing and managing conferences; and the cost of publications and dissemination of material for the scholarly and general public.

Selection Criteria: The Secretary uses the selection criteria in sections 75.209 and 75.210, 34 CFR Part 75 of Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) to evaluate grant applications. The selection criteria and the points assigned to the criteria are included in the application package.

FOR APPLICATIONS OR INFORMATION CONTACT: Cheryl E. Gibbs, U.S. Department of Education, International Education and Graduate Programs Service, 600 Independence Avenue, S.W., Suite 600–B, Portals Building, Washington, D.C. 20202–5331. Telephone (202) 401–9785. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FRS) at 1–800–877–8339 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Eastern time, Monday through Friday.

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