# **DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Special Education—Research and Innovation To Improve Services and Results for Children With Disabilities and Special Education—Technology and Media Services for Individuals With Disabilities Programs

**AGENCY:** Department of Education. **ACTION:** Notice inviting applications for new awards for fiscal year 1999.

**SUMMARY:** On June 4, 1997, the President signed into law Public Law 105–17, the Individuals With Disabilities Education Act Amendments of 1997, amending the Individuals With Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).

This notice provides closing dates and other information regarding the transmittal of applications for fiscal year 1999 competitions under two programs authorized by IDEA, as amended. The two programs are: (1) Special Education—Research and Innovation To Improve Services and Results for Children With Disabilities (five priorities); and (2) Special Education—Technology and Media Services for Individuals With Disabilities (one priority).

This notice supports the National Education Goals by helping to improve results for children with disabilities.

# **Waiver of Rulemaking**

It is generally the practice of the Secretary to offer interested parties the opportunity to comment on proposed priorities. However, section 661(e)(2) of IDEA makes the Administrative Procedure Act (5 U.S.C. 553) inapplicable to the priorities in this notice. In order to make awards on a timely basis, the Secretary has decided to publish these priorities in final under the authority of section 661(e)(2).

#### **General Requirements**

- (a) Projects funded under this notice must make positive efforts to employ and advance in employment qualified individuals with disabilities in project activities (see Section 606 of IDEA);
- (b) Applicants and grant recipients funded under this notice must involve individuals with disabilities or parents of individuals with disabilities in planning, implementing, and evaluating the projects (see Section 661(f)(1)(A) of IDEA):
- (c) Projects funded under these priorities must budget for a two-day Project Directors' meeting in Washington, DC during each year of the project; and
- (d) In a single application, an applicant is required to address only one absolute priority in this notice.

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

## Research and Innovation To Improve Services and Results for Children With Disabilities

Purpose of Program: To produce, and advance the use of, knowledge to: (1) improve services provided under IDEA, including the practices of professionals and others involved in providing those services to children with disabilities; and (2) improve educational and early intervention results for infants, toddlers, and children with disabilities.

Eligible applicants: State and local educational agencies; institutions of higher education; other public agencies; private nonprofit organizations; outlying areas; freely associated States; and Indian tribes or tribal organizations.

Applicable regulations: (a) The Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) in 34 CFR parts 74, 75, 77, 79, 80, 81, 82, 85, and 86; (b) The selection criteria for Absolute Priorities 1–3 are drawn from the EDGAR menu—RESEARCH program area; (c) The selection criteria for Absolute Priority 4 are drawn from the EDGAR menu—MODEL DEMONSTRATION AND PROJECTS OF NATIONAL SIGNIFICANCE program area; and (d) The selection criteria for Absolute Priority 5 are drawn from the EDGAR menu— OUTREACH program area.

**Note:** The regulations in 34 CFR part 86 apply to institutions of higher education only.

# **Priority**

Under 34 CFR 75.105(c)(3), the Secretary gives an absolute preference to applications that meet the following priorities. The Secretary funds under these competitions only applications that meet these absolute priorities:

Absolute Priority 1—Student-Initiated Research Projects (84.324B).

This priority provides support for short-term (up to 12 months) postsecondary student-initiated research projects focusing on special education and related services for children with disabilities and early intervention services for infants and toddlers, consistent with the purposes of the program, as described in Section 672 of the Act.

Projects must—

(1) Develop research skills in postsecondary students; and

(2) Include a principal investigator who serves as a mentor to the student researcher while the project is carried out by the student.

Project Period: Up to 12 months.

Maximum Award: The Secretary rejects and does not consider an application that proposes a budget exceeding \$20,000 for the entire project period. However, because of budgetary considerations contingent upon congressional action, the Secretary may change the maximum amount through a notice published in the **Federal Register**.

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Absolute Priority 2—Field-Initiated Research Projects (84.324C)

This priority provides support for a wide range of field-initiated research projects that support innovation, development, exchange, and use of advancements in knowledge and practice as described in Section 672 of the Act including the improvement of early intervention, instruction, and learning for infants, toddlers, and children with disabilities.

#### **Invitational Priorities**

Within Absolute Priority 1, the Secretary is particularly interested in applications that meet one or more of the following invitational priorities. However, under 34 CFR 75.105(c)(1), an application that meets one or more of these invitational priorities does not

receive competitive or absolute preference over other applications:

- (1) Projects to address the specific problems of over-identification and under-identification of children with disabilities. (See Section 672(a)(3) of the Act).
- (2) Projects to develop and implement effective strategies for addressing inappropriate behavior of students with disabilities in schools, including strategies to prevent children with emotional and behavioral problems from developing emotional disturbances that require the provision of special education and related services. (See Section 672(a)(4) of the Act).
- (3) Projects studying and promoting improved alignment and compatibility of general and special education reforms concerned with curricular and instructional reform, evaluation and accountability of those reforms, and administrative procedures. (See Section 672(b)(2)(D) of the Act).

(4) Projects that advance knowledge about the coordination of education with health and social services. (See Section 672(b)(2)(G) of the Act).

Project Period: The majority of projects will be funded for up to 36 months. Only in exceptional circumstances—such as research questions that require repeated measurement within a longitudinal design—will projects be funded for more than 36 months, up to a maximum of 60 months.

Maximum Award: The Secretary rejects and does not consider an application that proposes a budget exceeding \$180,000 for any single budget period of 12 months. However, because of budgetary considerations contingent upon congressional action, the Secretary may change the maximum amount through a notice published in the **Federal Register**.

Page Limits: Part III of the application, the application narrative, is where an applicant addresses the selection criteria that are used by reviewers in evaluating the application. An applicant must limit Part III to the equivalent of no more than 50 double-spaced pages, using the following standards: (1) A "page" is  $8\frac{1}{2}$ " × 11" (on one side only) with one-inch margins (top, bottom, and sides). (2) All text in the application narrative, including titles, headings, footnotes, quotations, references, and captions, as well as all text in charts, tables, figures, and graphs, must be double-spaced (no more than 3 lines per vertical inch). If using a proportional computer font, use no smaller than a 12point font, and an average character density no greater than 18 characters per inch. If using a nonproportional font or

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Absolute Priority 3—Initial Career Awards (84.324N).

### **Background**

There is a need to enable individuals in the initial phases of their careers to initiate and develop promising lines of research that would improve early intervention services for infants and toddlers, and special education and related services for children with disabilities. Support for research activities among individuals in the initial phases of their careers is intended to develop the capacity of the special education research community. This priority would address the additional need to provide support for a broad range of field-initiated research projects—focusing on the special education and related services for children with disabilities and early intervention for infants and toddlers consistent with the purpose of the program as described in Section 672 of the Act.

# **Priority**

The Secretary establishes an absolute priority for the purpose of awarding grants to eligible applicants for the support of individuals in the initial phases of their careers to initiate and develop promising lines of research consistent with the purposes of the program. For purposes of this priority, the initial phase of an individual's career is considered to be the first three years after completing a doctoral program and graduating (e.g., for fiscal year 1999 awards, projects may support individuals who completed a doctoral program and graduated no earlier than the 1995–96 academic year).

## Projects must-

(a) Pursue a line of inquiry that reflects a programmatic strand of research emanating either from theory or a conceptual framework. The line of research must be evidenced by a series of related questions that establish

directions for designing future studies extending beyond the support of this award. The project is not intended to represent all inquiry related to the particular theory or conceptual framework; rather, it is expected to initiate a new line or advance an existing one;

(b) In addition to involving individuals with disabilities or parents of individuals with disabilities in planning, implementing, and evaluating the project, as required by the Act, include, in design and conduct, sustained involvement with nationally recognized experts having substantive or methodological knowledge and expertise relevant to the proposed research. The experts do not have to be at the same institution or agency at which the project is located, but the interaction with the project must be sufficient to develop the capacity of the initial career researcher to effectively pursue the research into mid-career activities. At least 50 percent of the researcher's time must be devoted to the

(č) Prepare its procedures, findings, and conclusions in a manner that informs other interested researchers and is useful for advancing professional practice or improving programs and services to infants, toddlers, and children with disabilities and their families; and

families; and

(d) Disseminate project procedures, findings, and conclusions to appropriate research institutes and technical assistance providers

assistance providers

Project Period: Up to 36 months.

Maximum Award: The Secretary
rejects and does not consider an
application that proposes a budget
exceeding \$75,000 for any single budget
period of 12 months. However, because
of budgetary considerations contingent
upon congressional action, the Secretary
may change the maximum amount
through a notice published in the

Federal Register.

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Program Authority: Section 672 of the Act.

Absolute Priority 4—Model Demonstration Projects for Children With Disabilities (84.324M)

This priority supports model demonstration projects that develop, implement, evaluate, and disseminate new or improved approaches for providing early intervention, special education, and related services to infants, toddlers, and children with disabilities, and students with disabilities who are pursuing postschool employment, postsecondary education or independent living goals. Projects supported under this priority are expected to be major contributors of models or components of models for service providers and for outreach projects funded under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.

# Requirements for all Demonstration Projects:

A model demonstration project must—

- (a) Develop and implement the model with specific components or strategies that are based on theory, research, or evaluation data;
- (b) Evaluate the model by using multiple measures of results to determine the effectiveness of the model and its components or strategies; and
- (c) Produce detailed procedures and materials that would enable others to replicate the model.

Federal financial participation for a project funded under this priority will not exceed 90 percent of the total annual costs of development, operation, and evaluation of the project (see Section 661(f)(2)(A) of IDEA).

In addition to the annual two-day Project Directors' meeting in Washington, DC mentioned in the General Requirements section of this notice, projects must budget for another meeting in Washington, DC to collaborate with the Federal project officer and the other projects funded under this priority, to share information and discuss model development, evaluation, and project implementation issues.

Project Period: Up to 48 months. Maximum Award: The Secretary rejects and does not consider an application that proposes a budget exceeding \$150,000 (exclusive of any matching funds) for any single budget period of 12 months. However, because of budgetary considerations contingent upon congressional action, the Secretary may change the maximum amount through a notice published in the Federal Register.

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Absolute Priority 5—Outreach Projects for Children with Disabilities (84.324R).

This priority supports projects that will assist educational and other agencies in replicating proven models, components of models, and other exemplary practices that improve services for infants, toddlers, children with disabilities, and students with disabilities who are pursuing post-school employment, postsecondary education or independent living goals.

For the purposes of this priority, a "proven model" is a comprehensive description of a theory or system that, when applied, has been shown to be effective. "Exemplary practices" are effective strategies and methods used to deliver educational or related services. The models, components of models, or exemplary practices selected for outreach may include models developed for pre-service and in-service personnel preparation, and do not need to have been developed through projects funded under IDEA, or by the applicant.

An outreach project must:

- (a) Provide supporting data or other documentation in the application as to the effectiveness of the model, component(s) of a model, or exemplary practice(s) selected for outreach;
- (b) Select implementation sites in multiple regions within one State or multiple States and describe the criteria for their selection;
- (c) Describe the expected costs, needed personnel, staff training, equipment, and sequence of implementation activities associated with the replication efforts, including a description of any modifications to the model or practice made by the sites;
- (d) Include public awareness, product development and dissemination, training, and technical assistance activities and written plans for working with sites; and
- (e) Coordinate dissemination and replication activities conducted as part of outreach with dissemination projects, technical assistance providers, consumer and advocacy organizations, State and local educational agencies, and the lead agencies for Part C of IDEA, as appropriate.

Prepare products from the project in formats that are useful for specific audiences, including parents, administrators, teachers, early intervention personnel, related services personnel, and individuals with disabilities (see Section 661(f)(2)(B) of IDEA).

Federal financial participation for a project funded under this priority will not exceed 90 percent of the total annual costs of development, operation, and evaluation of the project (see Section 661(f)(2)(A) of IDEA).

In addition to the annual two-day Project Directors' meeting in Washington, D.C. mentioned in the General Requirements section of this notice, projects must budget for another meeting in Washington, D.C. to collaborate with the Federal project officer and the other projects funded under this priority, to share information and discuss model development,

evaluation and project implementation issues.

Project Period: Up to 36 months. Maximum Award: The Secretary rejects and does not consider an application that proposes a budget exceeding \$150,000 for any single budget period of 12 months. The Secretary may change the maximum amount through a notice published in the Federal Register.

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## Special Education—Technology and Media Services for Individuals with Disabilities

Purpose of Program: The purpose of this program is to promote the development, demonstration, and utilization of technology and to support educational media activities designed to be of educational value to children with disabilities. This program also provides support for some captioning, video description, and cultural activities.

Eligible Applicants: State and local educational agencies; institutions of higher education; other public agencies; private nonprofit organizations; outlying areas; freely associated States; Indian tribes or tribal organizations; and forprofit organizations.

Applicable Regulations: (a) The Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) in 34 CFR parts 74, 75, 77, 79, 80, 81, 82, 85, and 86; and (b) The selection criteria for the Steppingstones of Technology Innovation for Students with Disabilities priority are drawn from the EDGAR menu—RESEARCH program area.

**Note:** The regulations in 34 CFR part 86 apply to institutions of higher education only.

#### **Priority**

Under section 687 and 34 CFR 75.105(c)(3), the Secretary gives an absolute preference to applications that meet the following priority. The Secretary funds under this competition only those applications that meet this absolute priority:

Absolute Priority—Steppingstones of Technology Innovation for Students With Disabilities (84.327A)

The purpose of this priority is for the support of projects that—

- (a) Select and describe a technologybased approach for achieving one or more of the following purposes for early intervention, preschool, elementary, and secondary school students with disabilities: (1) improving literacy; (2) improving access to and participation in the general curriculum, or appropriate activities for preschool children; and (3) improving accountability and participation in educational reform. The technology-based approach must be an innovative combination of a new technology and additional curriculum materials and instructional methodologies that enable the technology to achieve educational purposes for students with disabilities;
- (b) Justify the approach on the basis of research or theory that supports the effectiveness of the technology-based approach for achieving one or more of the purposes presented in paragraph (a); and
- (c) Clearly identify and conduct work in *ONE* of the following phases:
- (1) Phase 1—Development: Projects funded under Phase 1 must develop and refine a technology-based approach, and test its feasibility for use with students with disabilities. Activities may include development, adaptation, and refinement of technology, curriculum materials, or instructional methodologies. Activities must include formative evaluation. The primary product of Phase 1 should be a promising technology-based approach that is suitable for field-based evaluation of effectiveness.

- (2) Phase 2—Research and Evaluation: Projects funded under Phase 2 must select a promising technologybased approach that has been developed in a manner consistent with Phase 1, and subject the approach to rigorous field-based research and evaluation to determine effectiveness and feasibility in educational settings. Products of Phase 2 include a further refinement and description of the technology-based approach, and sound evidence that, in a defined range of real world contexts, the approach can be effective in achieving one or more of the purposes presented in paragraph (c)(1).
- (3) Phase 3—Implementation and Validation: Projects funded under Phase 3 must select a technology-based approach that has been evaluated for effectiveness and feasibility in a manner consistent with Phase 2, and must study the implementation of the approach in multiple, complex settings to acquire an improved understanding of the range of contexts in which the approach can be used effectively, and the factors that determine the effectiveness and sustainability of the approach in this range of contexts. Factors to be studied in Phase 3 include factors related to the technology, curriculum materials and instructional methodologies that constitute the technology-based approach. Phases 2 and 3 can be contrasted as follows: Phase 2 studies the effectiveness the approach can have, while Phase 3 studies the effectiveness the approach is likely to have in sustained use in a range of typical educational settings. The primary product of Phase 3 should be a detailed blueprint that can be used in dissemination and utilization of the technology-based approach. Also to be studied in Phase 3 are contextual factors associated with students, teacher attitudes, skills and actions, physical setting, curriculum and instruction, resources, and professional development and policy supports, etc.;
- (d) In addition to the annual two-day Research to Practice Division Project Directors' meeting in Washington, D.C. mentioned above in the General Requirements section of this notice, budget for another annual trip to Washington, D.C. to collaborate with the Federal project officer and the other projects funded under this priority, and to share information and discuss findings and methods of dissemination; and
- (e) Prepare products from the project in formats that are useful for specific audiences as appropriate, including parents, administrators, teachers, early intervention personnel, related services

personnel, researchers, and individuals with disabilities.

Project Period: The Secretary intends to fund at least one project in each phase. Projects funded under Phase 1 will be funded for up to 24 months. Projects funded under Phase 2 will be funded for up to 24 months. Projects funded under Phase 3 will be funded for up to 36 months. During the final year of projects funded under Phase 3, the Secretary will determine whether or not to fund an optional six-month period for additional dissemination activities.

Maximum Award: The Secretary rejects and does not consider an application that proposes a budget exceeding \$200,000 for any single budget period of 12 months for projects in phases 1 and 2, and \$300,000 for projects in phase 3. The Secretary may change the maximum amount through a notice published in the **Federal Register**.

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For Applications and General Information Contact: Requests for applications and general information should be addressed to the Grants and Contracts Services Team, 600 Independence Avenue, SW, room 3317, Switzer Building, Washington, DC 20202–2641. The preferred method for requesting information is to FAX your request to: (202) 205–8717. Telephone: (202) 260–9182.

Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the TDD number: (202) 205–8953.

Individuals with disabilities may obtain a copy of this notice or the application packages referred to in this notice in an alternate format (e.g. Braille, large print, audiotape, or computer diskette) by contacting the Department as listed above. However, the Department is not able to reproduce in an alternate format the standard forms included in the application package.

# **Intergovernmental Review**

All programs in this notice (except for Research and Innovation Projects) are subject to the requirements of Executive Order 12372 and the regulations in 34 CFR Part 79. The objective of the Executive order is to foster an intergovernmental partnership and a strengthened federalism by relying on processes developed by State and local governments for coordination and review of proposed Federal financial assistance.

In accordance with the order, this document is intended to provide early notification of the Department's specific plans and actions for those programs.

# INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES EDUCATION ACT APPLICATION NOTICE FOR FISCAL YEAR 1998

CFDA No. and name	Applications available	Application deadline date	Deadline for intergovern-mental review	Maximum award (per year)*	Page limit**	Estimated number of awards
84.324B Student Initiated Research Projects	8/20/98	2/05/99	4/06/99	\$20,000	25	12
84.324C Field Initiated Research Projects	8/20/98	9/28/98	11/27/98	180,000	50	14
84.324N Initial Career Awards	8/20/98	9/28/98	11/27/98	75,000	30	4
84.324M Model Demonstration Projects for						
Children with Disabilities	8/20/98	10/05/98	12/04/98	150,000	40	18
84.324R Outreach Projects for Children with						
Disabilities	8/20/98	10/05/98	12/04/98	150,000	40	21
84.327A Steppingstones of Technology Inno-						
vation for Students with Disabilities	8/20/98	12/18/98	2/16/99	200,000	40	15

<sup>\*</sup>The Secretary rejects and does not consider an application that proposes a budget exceeding the amount listed for each priority for any single budget period of 12 months.

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Dated: August 6, 1998.

# Judith E. Heumann,

Assistant Secretary for Special Education and Rehabilitative Services.

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