Subpart D—How Does an Individual Apply for a Fellowship?

§ 535.30 How does an individual apply for a fellowship?
(a) An individual shall submit an application for a fellowship to an IHE that has been approved for participation under § 535.20 or § 535.22.
(b) Each participating IHE may establish procedures for receipt of applications from individuals.

Subpart E—How Are Fellows Selected?

§ 535.40 How does the Secretary select Fellows?
(a)(1) A participating IHE shall submit names of nominees to the Secretary.
(2) If the IHE has more than one nominee, the IHE shall rank the nominees in order of preference to receive a fellowship.
(b) The Secretary selects new Fellows according to the rank order prepared by the IHE, subject to the maximum number of fellowships designated for that IHE under §§ 535.20 and 535.22.

§ 535.41 Who may an IHE nominate for fellowships?
(a) In nominating individuals to receive master’s and doctoral level fellowships, an IHE shall nominate only individuals who—
(1) Have been accepted for enrollment as full-time students in an approved course of study offered by the IHE;
(2) Have an excellent academic record;
(3) Are proficient in English and, if applicable, another language;
(4) Have experience in providing services to, teaching in, or administering programs for LEP children and youth;
(5) Are planning to enter or return to a career in service to LEP children and youth after completion of their studies;
(6) Are eligible to receive assistance under 34 CFR 75.60 and 75.61; and
(7)(i) Are citizens, nationals, or permanent residents of the United States;
(ii) Are in the United States for other than temporary purposes and can provide evidence from the Immigration and Naturalization Service of their intent to become permanent residents; or
(iii) Are permanent residents of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa, the Virgin Islands, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, or the Republic of Palau.

(b) In nominating individuals to receive post-doctoral fellowships, an IHE shall nominate only individuals who—
(1) Have doctoral degrees in relevant disciplines that qualify those individuals to conduct independent research on educational programs and policies for LEP children and youth; and
(2) Meet the criteria in paragraphs (a)(3) through (7) of this section.

§ 535.42 What is the period of a fellowship?
(a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this section, the Secretary may award a fellowship—
(1) For a maximum of two one-year periods to an individual who maintains satisfactory progress in a master’s or post-doctoral program of study; and
(2) For a maximum of three one-year periods to an individual who maintains satisfactory progress in a doctoral program of study.
(b) Subject to the availability of funds, and if an IHE provides adequate justification, the Secretary may extend a fellowship beyond the maximum period to a master’s or doctoral Fellow who, for circumstances beyond the Fellow’s control, is unable to complete the program of study in that period.