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job, that the individual would typically perform if the individual did not have a disability. These services must be designed to increase the individual’s control in life and ability to perform everyday activities on and off the job.

(Authority: Sec. 12(c); 29 U.S.C. 711(c))

Rehabilitation technology means the systematic application of technologies, engineering methodologies, or scientific principles to meet the needs of and address the barriers confronted by individuals with disabilities in such areas as education, rehabilitation, employment, transportation, independent living, and recreation, and includes rehabilitation engineering, assistive technology devices, and assistive technology services.

(Authority: Sec. 7(13); 29 U.S.C. 706(13))

Research is classified on a continuum from basic to applied:

(1) Basic research is research in which the investigator is concerned primarily with gaining new knowledge or understanding of a subject without reference to any immediate application or utility.

(2) Applied research is research in which the investigator is primarily interested in developing new knowledge, information or understanding which can be applied to a predetermined rehabilitation problem or need. Applied research builds on selected findings from basic research.

(Authority: Sec. 202(i)(1); 29 U.S.C. 761a(i)(1))

State rehabilitation agency means the sole State agency designated to administer (or supervise local administration of) the State plan for vocational rehabilitation services. The term includes the State agency for the blind, if designated as the State agency with respect to that part of the plan relating to the vocational rehabilitation of blind individuals.

(Authority: Sec. 101(a)(1)(A); 29 U.S.C. 721(a)(1)(A))

Target population means the group of individuals, organizations, or other entities expected to be affected by the project. More than one group may be involved since a project may affect those who receive services, provide services, or administer services.

(Authority: Sec. 202(i)(1); 29 U.S.C. 761a(i)(1))

Subpart B—What Projects Does the Secretary Assist?

§ 350.10 What are the general requirements for Disability and Rehabilitation Research Projects?

Disability and Rehabilitation Research Projects must meet the following requirements:

(a) Carry out one or more of the following types of activities, as specified in §§ 350.13–350.19:

(1) Research.

(2) Development.

(3) Demonstration.

(4) Training.

(5) Dissemination.

(6) Utilization.

(7) Technical assistance.

(b) Further one or more of the purposes listed in § 350.2.

(Authority: Sec. 202; 29 U.S.C. 761a)

§ 350.11 What are the general requirements for a Field-Initiated Project?

A Field-Initiated Project must—

(a) Further one or more of the purposes in § 350.2; and

(b) Carry out one of the following types of activities:

(1) Research.

(2) Development.

(Authority: Sec. 202; 29 U.S.C. 761a)

§ 350.12 What are the general requirements for an Advanced Rehabilitation Research Training Project?

An Advanced Rehabilitation Research Training Project must—

(a) Provide research training and experience at an advanced level to individuals with doctorates or similar advanced degrees who have clinical or other relevant experience;

(b) Further one or more of the purposes in § 350.2; and

(c) Carry out all of the following activities:

(1) Recruitment and selection of candidates for advanced research training.

(2) Provision of a training program that includes didactic and classroom instruction, is multidisciplinary, and emphasizes scientific methodology, and
may involve collaboration among institutions.
(3) Provision of research experience, laboratory experience or its equivalent in a community-based research setting, and a practicum that involve each individual in clinical research and in practical activities with organizations representing individuals with disabilities.
(4) Provision of academic mentorship or guidance, and opportunities for scientific collaboration with qualified researchers at the host university and other appropriate institutions.
(5) Provision of opportunities for participation in the development of professional presentations and publications, and for attendance at professional conferences and meetings as appropriate for the individual's field of study and level of experience.
(Authority: Sec. 202(k); 29 U.S.C. 761a(k))

§ 350.13 What must a grantee do in carrying out a research activity?
In carrying out a research activity under this program, a grantee shall—
(a) Identify one or more hypotheses; and
(b) Based on the hypotheses identified, perform an intensive systematic study directed toward—
(1) New or full scientific knowledge; or
(2) Understanding of the subject or problem studied.
(Authority: Sec. 202; 29 U.S.C. 761a)

§ 350.14 What must a grantee do in carrying out a training activity?
In carrying out a training activity under this program, a grantee shall conduct a planned and systematic sequence of supervised instruction that is designed to impart predetermined skills and knowledge.
(Authority: Sec. 202; 29 U.S.C. 761a)

§ 350.15 What must a grantee do in carrying out a demonstration activity?
In carrying out a demonstration activity under this program, a grantee shall apply results derived from previous research, testing, or practice to determine the effectiveness of a new strategy or approach.
(Authority: Sec. 202; 29 U.S.C. 761a)

§ 350.16 What must a grantee do in carrying out a development activity?
In carrying out a development activity under this program, a grantee must use knowledge and understanding gained from research to create materials, devices, systems, or methods beneficial to the target population, including design and development of prototypes and processes.
(Authority: Sec. 202; 29 U.S.C. 761a)

§ 350.17 What must a grantee do in carrying out a utilization activity?
In carrying out a utilization activity under this program, a grantee must relate research findings to practical applications in planning, policy making, program administration, and delivery of services to individuals with disabilities.
(Authority: Sec. 202; 29 U.S.C. 761a)

§ 350.18 What must a grantee do in carrying out a dissemination activity?
In carrying out a dissemination activity under this program, a grantee must systematically distribute information or knowledge through a variety of ways to potential users or beneficiaries.
(Authority: Sec. 202; 29 U.S.C. 761a)

§ 350.19 What must a grantee do in carrying out a technical assistance activity?
In carrying out a technical assistance activity under this program, a grantee must provide expertise or information for use in problem-solving.
(Authority: Sec. 202; 29 U.S.C. 761a)

Subpart C—What Rehabilitation Research and Training Centers Does the Secretary Assist?

§ 350.20 What general requirements must a Rehabilitation Research and Training Center meet?
A Rehabilitation Research and Training Center shall—
(a) Plan and conduct activities that further one or more of the purposes listed in §350.2;