

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[CFDA Nos. 84.036A and B]

Library Education and Human Resource Development Program (Higher Education Act, Title II-B, Institutes and Fellowships); Notice Inviting Applications for New Awards for Fiscal Year (FY) 1997

Purpose of Program: The Library Education and Human Resource Development Program promotes high

quality library and information science education and provides fellowship and institute grants to institutions of higher education and library organizations or agencies to recruit, educate, and train persons, and to establish, develop, or expand programs, through courses of study or staff development in library and information science. For FY 1997 the competition for new awards focuses on projects designed to meet one or more of the priorities listed in the "PRIORITIES" section of this notice.

Eligible Applicants: Institutions of higher education, library organizations, and library agencies.

For Fellowship Projects for FY 1997, only new Master's degree level applications will be accepted.

Deadline for Transmittal of Applications: 5/9/97.

Deadline for Intergovernmental Review: 7/9/97.

Applications Available: 3/20/97.

FISCAL INFORMATION

CFDA number and name	Available funds	Estimated range of awards	Estimated average size of awards	Estimated number of awards
84.036A, Institute Projects	\$900,000	\$15,000-\$150,000	\$82,000	12
84.036B, Fellowship Projects	900,000	22,000-88,000	44,000	21

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

Maximum Award: For Fellowship Projects, in no case does the Secretary make an award greater than \$88,000 for a single budget period of 12 months. The Secretary does not consider an application that proposes a budget exceeding this maximum amount.

Project Periods

(a) *Institute Grants.* A long-term institute project must provide at least one academic year but no more than 12 months of training; a short-term institute project must provide at least one week but no more than six weeks of training.

(b) *Fellowship Grants.* A new fellowship grant at the master's level must be at least one academic year.

Applicable Regulations: (a) The Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) in 34 CFR Parts 74, 75, 77, 79, 82, 85, and 86; and (b) the regulations for this program in 34 CFR Part 776.

Priorities

Absolute Priorities: Under 34 CFR 75.105(c)(3) and 34 CFR 776.5 the Secretary gives an absolute preference to applications that meet one or more of the absolute priorities in this notice. The Secretary funds under this competition only applications that meet one or more of these priorities.

Institute Projects and Fellowship Projects

Absolute Priority 1—To recruit, educate, train, retrain and retain minorities in library and information sciences.

Absolute Priority 2—To educate, train, or retrain library personnel in areas of library specialization where there are currently shortages, such as school media, children's services, young adult services, science reference, cataloging, and library service evaluation.

Absolute Priority 3—To educate, train, or retrain library personnel in new techniques of information acquisition, transfer, and management of communication technology.

Institute Projects Only

Absolute Priority 4—To educate, train, or retrain library personnel to serve the information needs of the elderly, the illiterate, the disadvantaged, or residents of rural America, including Native Americans.

Invitational Priority: Within the absolute priorities, the Secretary is particularly interested in applications that meet the invitational priority in the next paragraph. However, an application that meets this invitational priority does not receive competitive or absolute preference over other applications (34 CFR 75.105(c)(1)).

To educate, train, or retrain library personnel in managing collaborative efforts with other libraries and educationally-centered organizations,

e.g., museums, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Head Start centers, and especially k-12 schools, for the purposes of promoting reading and library services to children, young adults, and their parents and caretakers.

For Applications or Information Contact: Chris Dunn or Judy Stark, U.S. Department of Education, 555 New Jersey Avenue, N.W., Room 300, Washington, DC 20208-5571. Telephone (202) 219-2299 or 219-2284. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Eastern time, Monday through Friday.

Information about the Department's funding opportunities, including copies of application notices for discretionary grant competitions, can be viewed on the Department's electronic bulletin board (ED Board), telephone (202) 260-9950; on the Internet Gopher Server (at gopher://gcs.ed.gov); or on the World Wide Web server (at http://gcs.ed.gov). However, the official application notice for a discretionary grant competition is the notice published in the Federal Register.

Program Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1021, 1032.

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