

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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**Office of Postsecondary Education,
U.S. Department of Education Minority
Science and Engineering Improvement
Program; Notice Inviting Applications
for New Awards for Fiscal Year (FY)
2000 Under the Minority Science and
Engineering Improvement Program**

Purpose of Program: The Minority Science and Engineering Improvement Program (MSEIP) is designed to effect long-range improvement in science and engineering education at predominantly minority institutions and to increase the flow of underrepresented ethnic minorities, particularly minority women, into scientific careers.

Eligibility for Grants: Under Section 361 of Title III of the Higher Education Act (HEA), as amended, the following entities are eligible to receive a grant under the MSEIP:

(1) Public and private nonprofit institutions of higher education that:

(A) Award baccalaureate degrees; and

(B) Are minority institutions;

(2) Public or private nonprofit institutions of higher education that:

(A) Award associate degrees; and (B) Are minority institutions that:

(i) Have a curriculum that includes science or engineering subjects; and

(ii) Enter into a partnership with public or private nonprofit institutions of higher education that award baccalaureate degrees in science and engineering;

(3) Nonprofit science-oriented organizations, professional scientific societies, and institutions of higher education that award baccalaureate degrees, that:

(A) Provide a needed service to a group of minority institutions; or

(B) Provide in-service training for project directors, scientists, and engineers from minority institutions; or

(4) Consortia of organizations that provide needed services to one or more minority institutions, the membership of which may include:

(A) Institutions of higher education that have a curriculum in science and engineering;

(B) Institutions of higher education that have a graduate or professional program in science or engineering;

(C) Research laboratories of, or under contract with, the Department of Energy;

(D) Private organizations that have science or engineering facilities; or

(E) Quasi-governmental entities that have a significant scientific or engineering mission.

Deadline for Application Transmittal: March 27, 2000.

Applications Available: February 15, 2000.

Deadline for Intergovernmental Review: May 26, 2000.

Eligible Applicants: (a) For institutional, design, and special projects described respectively in 34 CFR 637.14 (a), (b), and (c)—public and nonprofit private minority institutions as defined in section 361 (1) and (2) of the HEA.

(b) For special projects described in 34 CFR 637.14 (b) and (c)—nonprofit organizations, institutions, and consortia as defined in section 361 (3) and (4) of the HEA.

(c) For cooperative projects described in 34 CFR 637.15—groups of nonprofit accredited colleges and universities whose primary fiscal agent is an eligible minority institution as defined in 34 CFR 637.4(b).

Notes: 1. A minority institution is defined in 34 CFR 637.4(b) as an accredited college or university whose enrollment of a single minority group or combination of minority groups, as defined in 34 CFR 637.4(b), exceeds 50 percent of the total enrollment.

2. Section 365(4) of the HEA now defines the term "science" to include "behavior science."

Estimated Range and Average Size of Awards: The amounts referenced below are advisory and represent the Department's best estimate at this time. The average size of an award is the estimate for a single-year project or for the first budget period of a multi-year project.

Institutional

Estimated Range of Awards:

\$100,000–\$200,000

Estimated Average Size of Awards:

\$120,000

Estimated Number of Awards: 21

Design

Estimated Range of Awards: \$15,000–\$20,000

Estimated Average Size of Awards:

\$19,000

Estimated Number of Awards: 3

Special

Estimated Range of Awards: \$20,000–\$150,000

Estimated Average Size of Awards:

\$26,300

Estimated Number of Awards: 10

Cooperative

Estimated Range of Awards:

\$100,000–\$500,000

Estimated Average Size of Awards:

\$280,000

Estimated Number of Awards: 3

Applicable Regulations: Regulations applicable to this program are (a) The Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) in 34 CFR parts 74, 75, 77, 79, 83, 86, 97,

98, and 99; and (b) The regulations in 34 CFR part 637.

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

Project Period: Up to 36 months.

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Program Authority: Sections 301 (a), (b), and 307 of the Higher Education Amendments of 1998, Public Law 105–244, 112 Stat. 1581.

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