

Deadline for Intergovernmental Review: December 27, 2002.

Estimated Available Funds: The Administration has requested \$4,415,000 for this program for FY 2003. The actual level of funding, if any, depends on final congressional action. However, we are inviting applications to allow enough time to complete the grant process, if Congress appropriates funds for this program.

Estimated Range of Awards: \$50,000–\$70,000 per year.

Estimated Average Size of Awards: \$68,000 per year.

Estimated Number of Awards: 43.

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

Project Period: Up to 12 months.

Page Limit: The application narrative is where you, the applicant, address the selection criteria that reviewers use to evaluate your application. You must limit the narrative to the equivalent of no more than 35 pages, using the following standards:

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- Use a font that is either 12-point or larger or no smaller than 10 pitch (characters per inch). However you may use a 10-point font in charts, tables, figures, and graphs.

The page limit does not apply to the cover sheet; the budget section, including the narrative budget justification; the assurances and certifications; the one-page abstract or the appendices. The complete response to the selection criterion must be included in the application narrative.

We will reject your application if—

- You apply these standards and exceed the page limit; or
- You apply other standards and exceed the equivalent of the page limit.

Applicable Regulations: (a) The Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) in 34 CFR parts 74, 75, 77, 80, 81, 82, 85, 86, 97, 98, and 99; and (b) the regulations for this program in 34 CFR part 664.

Priorities

Absolute Priority: This competition focuses on projects designed to meet the priority in the regulations for this program (34 CFR 664.32(a)(2)).

Specific geographic regions of the world: A group project funded under

this priority must focus on one or more of the following geographic regions of the world: Africa, East Asia, South Asia, Southeast Asia and the Pacific, the Western Hemisphere (Central and South America, Mexico, and the Caribbean), East Central Europe and Eurasia, and the Near East.

Under 34 CFR 75.105(c)(3) we consider only applications that meet the priority.

Competitive Priority: Within the absolute priority specified in this application notice we will focus on projects that meet the following competitive priority.

Short-term seminars that develop and improve foreign language and area studies at elementary and secondary schools. Under 34 CFR 75.105(c)(2)(i), 664.30(b), and 664.31(g) we award up to five (5) points to an application, depending upon how well the application meets the priority.

Invitational Priority: Within the absolute priority specified in this application notice, we are particularly interested in applications that meet the following invitational priority.

Group study projects that provide opportunities for nationally recruited undergraduate students to study in a foreign country for either a semester or a full academic year.

Under 34 CFR 75.105(c)(1) we do not give an application that meets the invitational priority a competitive or absolute preference over other applications.

For Applications and Further Information Contact: The applications for this program are available at: www.ed.gov/offices/HEP/iegps/. Lungching Chiao, U.S. Department of Education, International Education and Graduate Programs Service, 1990 K Street, NW, 6th Floor, Washington, DC 20006–8521. Telephone: (202) 502–7624 or via Internet: lungching.chiao@ed.gov.

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Dated: September 16, 2002.

Sally L. Stroup,

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[CFDA No: 84.217A]

Office of Postsecondary Education; Ronald E. McNair Postbaccalaureate Achievement (McNair) Program; Notice Inviting Applications for New Awards for Fiscal Year (FY) 2003

Purpose of Program: To provide grants for higher education institutions to prepare low-income, first generation college students, and students from groups underrepresented in graduate education, for doctoral study.

Eligible Applicants: Institutions of higher education and combinations of those institutions.

Applications Available: September 30, 2002.

Deadline for Transmittal of Applications: October 30, 2002.

Deadline for Intergovernmental Review: December 29, 2002.

Estimated Available Funds: The Administration has requested \$36.9 million for this program for FY 2003. The actual level of funding, if any, depends on final congressional action. However, we are inviting applications to allow enough time to complete the grant process if Congress appropriates funds for this program.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Currently, there are McNair Program grantees with both four and five-year grant award

cycles that expire in FY 2003, FY 2004, and FY 2005, respectively. However, to compete for a new four or five-year grant award, all applicants, including those that have five-year grants that expire in FY 2004 and 2005 must submit an application under the FY 2003 competition.

Grantees whose grants expire in FY 2004 and FY 2005: If such a grantee is successful under this competition, its new award cycle will begin when its existing grant expires on either October 1, 2004 or October 1, 2005 subject to the availability of funds.

Estimated Range of Awards: \$190,000–\$316,000 per year.

Estimated Average Size of Awards: \$236,000 per year.

Estimated Number of Awards: 156.

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

Project Period: Up to 60 months.

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- Use a font that is either 12 point, or larger or no smaller than 10 pitch (characters per inch).

The page limit does not apply to Part I, the cover sheet; Part II, the budget section, including the narrative budget justification; Part IV, the assurances and certifications; or the one-page abstract, the resumes, the bibliography, or the letters of support. However, you must include all of the application narrative in Part III.

We will reject your application if—

- You apply these standards and exceed the page limit; or
- You apply other standards and exceed the equivalent of the page limit.

Applicable Regulations: (a) The Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) in 34 CFR parts 74, 75, 77, 79, 80, 81, 82, 85, 86, 97, 98, and 99; and (b) The regulations for this program in 34 CFR part 647.

For Applications and Further Information Contact: Eileen S. Bland or Reginald D. Williams, Office of Federal TRIO Programs, U.S. Department of

Education, 1990 K Street, NW, Suite 7000, Washington, DC 20202–8510. Telephone: (202) 502–7600 or via Internet: TRIO@ed.gov.

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Sally L. Stroup,

Assistant Secretary, Office of Postsecondary Education.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[CFDA Nos. 84.047A and 84.047M]

Office of Postsecondary Education; Upward Bound Program and Upward Bound Math and Science Program; Notice Inviting Applications for New Awards for Fiscal Year (FY) 2003

Purpose of Programs: The Upward Bound Program is designed to generate in students the skills and motivation necessary for success in education

beyond secondary school. The Upward Bound Math and Science Program is designed to prepare high school students for postsecondary education programs that lead to careers in the fields of math and science.

Eligible Applicants: Institutions of higher education, public and private agencies and organizations, including community and faith-based organizations, and in exceptional cases, secondary schools if there are no other applicants capable of providing an Upward Bound project in the proposed target area.

Applications Available: September 27, 2002.

Deadline for Transmittal of Applications: November 22, 2002—Upward Bound Math and Science Program; December 13, 2002—Upward Bound Program.

Deadline for Intergovernmental Review: January 21, 2003—Upward Bound Math and Science Program; February 11, 2003—Upward Bound Program.

Estimated Available Funds: \$264,841,000 for the Upward Bound Program, and \$31,772,000 for the Upward Bound Math and Science Program. The estimated amount of funds available for awards is based on the Administration's request for these programs for FY 2003. The actual level of funding, if any, is contingent on final congressional action. However, we are inviting applications to allow enough time to complete the grant process, if Congress appropriates funds for these programs.

Estimated Range of Awards: \$200,000–690,000 for year 1 of an Upward Bound project; \$200,000–300,000 for year 1 of an Upward Bound Math and Science project.

Estimated Average Size of Awards: \$311,000 for the Upward Bound Program; \$258,000 for the Upward Bound Math and Science Program.

Estimated Number of Awards: 772 for the Upward Bound Program; 123 for the Upward Bound Math and Science Program.

Project Period: Up to 60 months for both the Upward Bound and the Upward Bound Math and Science Programs.

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

Page Limit for Upward Bound and Upward Bound Math and Science Programs: The application narrative (Part III of the application) is where you, the applicant, address the selection criteria that reviewers use to evaluate your application. You must limit Part III to the equivalent of no more than 100 pages, using the following standards: