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**Office of Educational Research and  
Improvement Fellows Program; Notice  
Inviting Applications for New Awards for  
Fiscal Year 1992**

## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[CFDA No. 84.117J]

**Office of Educational Research and Improvement Fellows Program; Notice Inviting Applications for New Awards for Fiscal Year (FY) 1992**

**Purpose of Program:** To provide Federal financial assistance enabling individuals to make contributions to the improvement of education by engaging in educational research at the Office of Educational Research and Improvement (OERI) in Washington, DC.

**Eligible Applicants:** Only individuals are eligible to be recipients of fellowships. Any individual who has training and experience that indicates that he or she has the potential to conduct educational research is eligible to apply. An individual must be a citizen of the United States to be eligible for a fellowship.

**Deadline for Transmittal of Applications:** April 17, 1992.

**Available Funds:** \$75,000.

**Estimated Range of Awards:** \$25,000-\$45,000.

**Estimated Average Size of Awards:** \$35,000.

**Note:** The amount of a fellowship includes a stipend based on the fellow's current annual salary prorated for the length of the fellowship. If a fellow has no current salary, the amount of the fellowship includes a stipend based on the fellow's education and experience. In addition, the fellowship includes a subsistence allowance and necessary travel expenses related to the fellowship.

**Estimated Number of Awards:** 2-3.

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

**Project Period:** Projects will be for a period of no fewer than four nor more than twelve months of full-time activity or the equivalent in less than full-time participation.

**Applicable Regulations:** The regulations for this program in 34 CFR part 762.

**Selection Criteria:** In selecting fellows under this program, the Secretary rates applications using the criteria in 34 CFR 762.21 and then determines the order in which the applications will be selected. The Secretary uses the following criteria in evaluating each applicant for a fellowship:

(a) **Quality of the plan for the proposed activity** (40 points). The Secretary reviews the quality of each proposed project to ensure that—

(1) The design of the project is of high quality;

(2) The applicant's project relates to the purposes of the fellowship program; and

(3) The applicant's project is feasible.

(b) **Significance of the proposed project** (20 points). The Secretary assesses the significance of each proposed project to ensure that—

(1) The project addresses important issues in American education;

(2) Project results will benefit American education; and

(3) The project will enhance education practice.

(c) **Qualifications of the applicant** (40 points). The Secretary reviews the qualifications of each applicant to ensure—

(1) The appropriateness and quality of the education and experience of the applicant as they may be related to the proposed project; and

(2) Demonstrated ability to produce a final product which is comprehensive and useful.

**Application Forms:** Individuals must submit a written request to be considered for a fellowship. The Department has no application forms or prescribed format for applications under the Fellows Program. Applicants are encouraged to submit sufficient information to allow the Secretary to determine the merits of the proposed activities under the criteria in 34 CFR 762.21. Applicants are encouraged to submit their curriculum vitae, a detailed project description containing the design of their research proposal and specific activities they will undertake while in DC, and a proposed budget for the project.

**Supplementary Information:** Pursuant to 34 CFR 762.21(b)(1), the Secretary assesses the significance of each proposed project to ensure that the project addresses important issues in American education. Listed below are some examples of educational topics that address issues that the Secretary considers to be important in American education. Research on these topics could help implement AMERICA 2000, the President's strategy for reaching the National Education Goals. The topics identified in this notice are examples only; the Secretary also considers many other educational topics to be important issues in American education.

Applications that propose research activities on educational topics that are listed in this notice will not receive any competitive preference.

Some examples of educational topics are:

1. Helping parents support the learning of their young children;

2. Improving the education of children and youth whose circumstances put them at a disadvantage;

3. Identifying factors that will lead to greater student learning at any stage from birth through postsecondary and graduate education; and

4. Identifying how school or college organization and environment affects student achievement.

**Instructions for Transmittal of Applications:** (a) An individual who wants to apply for an award shall—

(1) Mail the original and two copies of the application on or before the deadline date to: U.S. Department of Education, Application Control Center, Attention: CFDA #84.117J, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20202-4725; or

(2) Hand deliver the original and two copies of the application by 4:30 p.m. (Washington, DC time) on the deadline date to: U.S. Department of Education, Application Control Center, Attention: CFDA #84.117J, Room #3633, Regional Office Building #3, Seventh and D Streets, SW., Washington, DC.

(b) An application must show one of the following as proof of mailing:

(1) A legibly dated U.S. Postal Service postmark.

(2) A legible mail receipt with the date of mailing stamped by the U.S. Postal Service.

(3) A dated shipping label, invoice, or receipt from a commercial carrier.

(4) Any other proof of mailing acceptable to the Secretary.

(c) If an application is mailed through the U.S. Postal Service, the Secretary does not accept either of the following as proof of mailing:

(1) A private metered postmark.

(2) A mail receipt that is not dated by the U.S. Postal Service.

**Notes:** (1) The U.S. Postal Service does not uniformly provide a dated postmark. Before relying on this method, an applicant should check with their local post office.

(2) The Application Control Center will mail an Application Receipt Acknowledgment to each applicant. If an applicant fails to receive the notification of application receipt within 15 days from the closing date, the applicant should call the U.S. Department of Education Application Control Center at (202) 708-9494.

(3) The applicant *must* indicate on the envelope the CFDA number and letter of this competition.

**For Information Contact:** Dr. Jeffrey Gilmore, U.S. Department of Education, Office of Educational Research and Improvement, Office of Research, room 615, 555 New Jersey Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20208-5647. Telephone:

(202) 219-2243. Deaf and hearing impaired individuals may call the Federal Dual Party Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339 (in the Washington, DC, 202 area code, telephone 708-9300) between 8 a.m. and 7 p.m., Eastern time.

**Program Authority:** 20 U.S.C. 1221e.

**Dated:** February 3, 1992.

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