

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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**Office of Postsecondary Education;
Undergraduate International Studies
and Foreign Language Program;
Notice Inviting Applications for New
Awards for Fiscal Year (FY) 2002**

Purpose of Program: The Undergraduate International Studies and Foreign Language Program provides grants to strengthen and improve undergraduate instruction in international studies and foreign languages.

Eligible Applicants: Institutions of higher education; combinations of institutions of higher education; partnerships between nonprofit educational organizations and institutions of higher education; and public and private non-profit agencies and organizations, including professional and scholarly associations.

Applications available: September 5, 2001.

Deadline for Transmittal of Applications: November 5, 2001.

Deadline for Intergovernmental Review: January 4, 2002.

Estimated Available Funds: The Administration has requested \$4,500,000 for this program for FY 2002. The actual level of funding, if any, depends on final congressional action. However, we are inviting applications at this time to allow enough time to complete the grant process, if Congress appropriates funds for this program.

Estimated Range of Awards: \$40,000–\$130,000 per year.

Estimated Average Size of Awards: \$76,267 per year.

Estimated Number of Awards: 32.

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

Project Period: Up to 24 months for grants to single institutions of higher education, and up to 36 months for grants to combinations of institutions of higher education and partnerships.

Applicable Regulations: (a) The Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) in 34 CFR parts 74, 75, 77, 79, 82, 85, 86, 97, 98 and 99; and (b) The regulations for this program in 34 CFR parts 655 and 658.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Matching requirement: Under title VI, part A, section 604(a)(3) of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (HEA), 20 U.S.C. 1124(a)(5), Undergraduate International Studies and Foreign Language grantees must provide matching funds in either of the following ways: (a) Cash contributions

from the private sector equal to one-third of the total project costs; or (b) a combination of institutional and non-institutional cash or in-kind contributions equal to one-half of the total project costs.

The Secretary may waive or reduce the required matching share for institutions that are eligible to receive assistance under part A or part B of title III, or under title V of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended.

Priorities

This competition focuses on projects designed to meet the priority in section 604(a)(5) of the HEA (20 U.S.C. 1124(a)(5)) (see 34 CFR 75.105(b)(2)(iv)).

Applications from institutions of higher education or combinations or partnerships that: (a) Require entering students to have successfully completed at least two years of secondary school foreign language instruction; (b) require each graduating student to earn two years of postsecondary credit in a foreign language or have demonstrated equivalent competence in the foreign language; or (c) in the case of a two-year degree granting institution, offer two years of postsecondary credit in a foreign language.

Under 34 CFR 75.105(c)(2)(i) we award an additional five points to an application that meets the priority.

Invitational Priority

Within the competitive priority specified in this notice, we are particularly interested in applications that meet the following invitational priority:

Applications from institutions of higher education that propose activities that enrich or enhance the effectiveness of educational programs abroad, including pre-departure and post-return programs, and integrate education programs abroad into the curriculum of the home institution.

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

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**National Educational Research Policy
and Priorities Board; Teleconference**

AGENCY: National Educational Research Policy and Priorities Board; Education.

ACTION: Notice of meeting by teleconference.

SUMMARY: This notice sets forth the schedule and proposed agenda of a forthcoming meeting by teleconference of the Executive Committee of the National Educational Research Policy and Priorities Board. Notice of this meeting is required under Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act. This document is intended to notify the general public of their opportunity to attend the meeting.