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(c) Only Fellows enrolled in Master's programs of study may be supported under a Master's fellowship grant. Only Fellows enrolled in doctoral programs of study may be supported under a doctoral fellowship grant.

§ 3402.7 Fellowship activities.

A Fellow must be enrolled as a full-time graduate student, as defined by the institution, at all times during the tenure of the fellowship in the national need area and at the degree level supported by the grant. This includes the time used for special international study or thesis/dissertation research if the international travel is funded through a special international study or thesis/dissertation research travel allowance under this grant program. However, the normal requirement of formal registration during part of this tenure may be waived if permitted by the policy of the fellowship institution, provided that the fellow is making satisfactory progress toward degree completion and remains engaged in appropriate full-time fellowship activities such as thesis/dissertation research. Fellows in academic institutions are not entitled to vacations as such. They are entitled to the short normal student holidays observed by the institution. The time between academic semesters or quarters is to be utilized as an active part of the grant period. During the period of support, a Fellow may not accept employment by the institution or any other agency. However, a grant supporting research costs of the Fellow is acceptable, exclusive of salary or wages and fringe benefits for the Fellow.

§ 3402.8 Financial provisions.

The basis fellowship stipend, cost-of-education institutional allowance, and special international study or thesis/dissertation research travel allowance that may be paid from grant funds will be determined by HEP contingent upon appropriations. The amount of the stipend, cost-of-education institution allowance, and special international study or thesis/dissertation research travel allowance will be cited in the program announcement in the FEDERAL REGISTER. An institution may elect to apply the cost-of-education institu-

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tional allowance to a Fellow's tuition and fees; however, such is not required. The allowance also may be used by an institution to defray other program expenses (e.g., recruitment, travel, publications, or salaries of project personnel). Tuition and fees are the responsibility of the Fellow unless an institution elects to use its cost-of-education institutional allowance for this purpose or elects to pay such costs out of other non-USDA monies. No dependency allowances are provided for Fellows. Stipend payments and special international study or thesis/dissertation research travel allowances will be made to Fellows by the institution, according to standard institutional procedures for fellowships and assistantships.

Subpart C—Preparation of a Proposal

§ 3402.9 Application package.

An application package will be made available to any potential grant applicant upon request. This package will include all necessary forms and instructions to apply for a grant under this program. The package also includes the regulatory provisions applicable to the program.

§ 3402.10 Proposal cover page.

The Proposal Cover Page, Form CSRS 701, must be completed in its entirety including all authorizing signatures. One copy of each grant application must contain the original pen-and-ink signature of:

- (a) The Project Director(s);
- (b) The Authorized Certifying Representative for the college or equivalent administrative unit; and
- (c) The Authorized Certifying Representative for the institution.

§ 3402.11 National need summary.

Using the National Need Summary, Form CSRS-702, applicants must summarize the proposed graduate program of study and the academic and research strengths of the institution in the national need area for which funding is requested. To the extent possible, applicants should emphasize the uniqueness of the proposed graduate program