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Subpart A—General

§ 656.1 What is the National Resource Centers Program?

Under the National Resource Centers Program for Foreign Language and Areas Studies or Foreign Language and International Studies (National Resource Centers Program), the Secretary awards grants to institutions of higher education and combinations of institutions to establish, strengthen, and operate comprehensive and undergraduate Centers that will be national resources for—

- (a) Teaching of any modern foreign language;
- (b) Instruction in fields needed to provide full understanding of areas, regions, or countries in which the modern foreign language is commonly used;
- (c) Research and training in international studies and the international and foreign language aspects of professional and other fields of study; and

- (d) Instruction and research on issues in world affairs that concern one or more countries.

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§ 656.2 Who is eligible to receive a grant?

An institution of higher education or a combination of institutions of higher education is eligible to receive a grant under this part.

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§ 656.3 What activities define a comprehensive or undergraduate National Resource Center?

A comprehensive or undergraduate National Resource Center—

- (a) Teaches at least one modern foreign language;
- (b) Provides—
 - (1) Instruction in fields necessary to provide a full understanding of the areas, regions, or countries in which the modern foreign language taught is commonly used;
 - (2) Resources for research and training in international studies, and the international and foreign language aspects of professional and other fields of study; or
 - (3) Instruction and research on issues in world affairs that concern one or more countries;
- (c) Provides outreach and consultative services on a national, regional, and local basis;
- (d) Maintains linkages with overseas institutions of higher education and other organizations that may contribute to the teaching and research of the Center;
- (e) Maintains important library collections;
- (f) Employs faculty engaged in training and research that relates to the subject area of the Center;
- (g) Conducts projects in cooperation with other centers addressing themes of world, regional, cross-regional, international, or global importance; and
- (h) Conducts summer institutes in the United States or abroad designed

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to provide language and area training in the Center's field or topic.

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§ 656.4 What types of Centers receive grants?

The Secretary awards grants to Centers that—

(a) Focus on—

(1) A single country or on a world area (such as East Asia, Africa, or the Middle East) and offer instruction in the principal language or languages of that country or area and those disciplinary fields necessary to provide a full understanding of the country or area; or

(2) International studies or the international aspects of contemporary issues or topics (such as international business or energy) while providing instruction in modern foreign languages; and

(b) Provide training at the—

(1) Graduate, professional, and undergraduate levels, as a comprehensive Center; or

(2) Undergraduate level only, as an undergraduate Center.

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§ 656.5 What activities may be carried out?

(a) A Center may carry out any of the activities described in § 656.3 under a grant received under this part.

(b) The Secretary may make an additional grant to a Center for any one or a combination of the following purposes:

(1) Linkage or outreach between foreign language, area studies, and other international fields and professional schools and colleges.

(2) Linkage or outreach with 2- and 4-year colleges and universities.

(3) Linkage or outreach with departments or agencies of Federal and State governments.

(4) Linkage or outreach with the news media, business, professional, or trade associations.

(5) Summer institutes in foreign area, foreign language, and other international fields designed to carry out

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the activities in paragraphs (b)(1) through (4) of this section.

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§ 656.6 What regulations apply?

The following regulations apply to this program:

(a) The regulations in 34 CFR part 655.

(b) The regulations in this part 656.

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§ 656.7 What definitions apply?

The following definitions apply to this part:

(a) The definitions in 34 CFR part 655.

(b) *Area studies* means a program of comprehensive study of the aspects of a world area's society or societies, including study of history, culture, economy, politics, international relations, and languages.

(c) *Center* means an administrative unit of an institution of higher education that has direct access to highly qualified faculty and library resources, and coordinates a concentrated effort of educational resources, including language training and various academic disciplines, in the area and subject matters described in § 656.3.

(d) *Comprehensive Center* means a Center that—

(1) Contributes significantly to the national interest in advanced research and scholarship;

(2) Offers intensive language instruction;

(3) Maintains important library collections related to the area of its specialization;

(4) Makes training available to a graduate, professional, and undergraduate clientele; and

(5) Engages in curriculum development and community outreach.

(e) For purposes of this section, *intensive language instruction* means instruction of at least five contact hours per week during the academic year or the equivalent of a full academic year of language instruction during the summer.

(f) *Undergraduate Center* means an administrative unit of an institution of higher education that—