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**Subpart A—General**

**§ 356.1 What is the Research Fellowships Program?**

The purpose of this program is to build research capacity by providing support to highly qualified individuals, including those who are individuals with disabilities, to perform research on the rehabilitation of individuals with disabilities.

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**§ 356.2 Who is eligible for assistance under this program?**

(a) Only individuals are eligible to be recipients of Fellowships.

(b) Any individual is eligible for assistance under this program who has training and experience that indicate a potential for engaging in scientific research related to the solution of rehabilitation problems of individuals with disabilities.

(c) This program provides two categories of Fellowships: Merit Fellowships and Distinguished Fellowships.

(1) To be eligible for a Distinguished Fellowship, an individual must have seven or more years of research experience in subject areas, methods, or techniques relevant to rehabilitation research and must have a doctorate, other terminal degree, or comparable academic qualifications.

(2) The Secretary awards Merit Fellowships to individuals in earlier stages of their careers in research. To be eligible for a Merit Fellowship, an individual must have either advanced professional training or experience in independent study in an area which is directly pertinent to disability and rehabilitation.

(d) An applicant for a fellowship under this program must be eligible under 34 CFR 75.60.

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**§ 356.3 What regulations apply to this program?**

The following regulations apply to this program:

(a) The peer review requirements contained in 34 CFR 350.31-350.32.

(b) The regulations in this part—34 CFR part 356;

(c)(1) Subject to the additional requirement in paragraph (c)(2) of this section, 34 CFR part 97, Protection of Human Subjects.

(2) When an IRB reviews research that purposefully requires inclusion of children with disabilities or individuals with mental disabilities as research subjects, the IRB must include at least one person primarily concerned with the welfare of these research subjects.