

provide fellowships in academic career fields of high national priority as established by the Secretary from among one or more of the academic areas listed in the appendix to this part or the resulting interdisciplinary or inter-disciplinary academic areas.

(c) The Secretary announces the absolute preferences annually in the FEDERAL REGISTER notice inviting applications for new awards under this program.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1134d, 1134e)

**Subpart E—How Are Fellows Selected?**

**§ 649.40 How does an institution of higher education select fellows?**

(a) In selecting individuals to receive master's level and professional study fellowships, the institution of higher education shall—

(1) Give priority to members of one or more of the groups identified for priority in § 649.3(b)(1); and

(2) Select only individuals who—

(i) Have been accepted for or are enrolled in a program of study leading to a master's level or professional degree in the academic field for which the institution received a grant;

(ii) Plan to pursue an academic or professional career in the academic field of study for which the institution received the grant;

(iii)(A) Are nationals of the United States;

(B) Are in the United States for other than a temporary purpose and intend to become permanent residents; or

(C) Are permanent residents of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands; and

(iv) Are not ineligible to receive assistance under 34 CFR 75.60, as added on July 8, 1992 (57 FR 30328, 30337).

(b) In selecting individuals to receive doctoral study fellowships, the institution of higher education shall—

(1) Give priority to members of one or more of the groups identified for priority in § 649.3(b)(2); and

(2) For doctoral study fellowships other than doctoral study leading to an academic career, select only individuals who—

(i) Have been accepted for or are enrolled in a program of study leading to

a doctoral degree in the academic field for which the institution received a grant;

(ii) Plan to pursue a professional career in the academic field of study for which the institution received the grant;

(iii)(A) Are nationals of the United States;

(B) Are in the United States for other than a temporary purpose and intend to become permanent residents; or

(C) Are permanent residents of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands; and

(iv) Are not ineligible to receive assistance under 34 CFR 75.60, as added on July 8, 1992 (57 FR 30328, 30337); and

(3) For fellowships for doctoral study leading to an academic career, select only individuals who—

(i) Have been accepted for or are enrolled in a program of study leading to a doctoral degree in the academic field for which the institution received a grant;

(ii) Plan to pursue an academic career in the academic field of study for which the institution received the grant;

(iii) Are citizens of the United States; and

(iv) Are not ineligible to receive assistance under 34 CFR 75.60, as added on July 8, 1992 (57 FR 30328, 30337).

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1134, 1134e, 1134f)

**§ 649.41 How does an individual apply for a fellowship?**

An individual must apply directly to an institution of higher education that has received a grant.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1134e)

**Subpart F—What Are the Conditions and Components of a Fellowship?**

**§ 649.50 What are the conditions and components of a fellowship for master's level or professional degree study?**

(a) An award for a fellowship for a master's level or professional degree program of study is for the normal period of time for completing the program or a total of three years, whichever is less.