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§ 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 under-

graduate 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;