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with disabilities, to perform research on the rehabilitation of individuals with disabilities.

(Authority: Sec. 202(d); 29 U.S.C. 761a(d))

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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.

(Authority: Sec. 202(d); 29 U.S.C. 761a(d))

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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.

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(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.

(d) The regulations in 34 CFR 75.60–75.61 (regarding the ineligibility of certain individuals to receive assistance).

(Authority: 29 U.S.C. 761a(d), 42 U.S.C. 300v-1(b))

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§ 356.4 What definitions apply to this program?

The definitions listed in 34 CFR 350.4 apply to this program.

(Authority: Sec. 202(i)(1); (29 U.S.C. 761a(i)(1)))

Subpart B—What Kinds of Activities Does the Department Support Under This Program?

§ 356.10 What types of activities are authorized?

(a) Fellows may conduct original research in any area authorized by section 204 of the Act.

(b) Each year the Secretary may determine that research is needed in certain areas authorized under section 204 of the Act and may set aside funds to provide fellowship assistance for research in these specific areas. The Secretary publishes the selected priorities, if any, in a notice in the FEDERAL REGISTER.

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§ 356.11 What types of problems may be researched under the fellowship program?

Problems encountered by individuals with disabilities in their daily lives that are due to the presence of a disabling condition, problems associated with the provision of rehabilitation services to individuals with disabilities, and problems connected with the

conduct of disability research may be addressed under this program.

(Authority: Secs. 202(d), 202(g)(1), 204; 29 U.S.C. 761a(d), 761a(g)(1), 762)

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Subpart C—How Does One Apply for Assistance Under This Program?

§ 356.20 What are the application procedures under this part?

From time to time the Secretary will publish in the FEDERAL REGISTER an Application Notice that announces the availability of fellowship assistance under this part.

(Authority: Sec. 202(d); (29 U.S.C. 761a(d)))

§ 356.21 What is the fellowship review process?

The Secretary reviews applications for Fellowships in accordance with the peer review requirements governing grants in 34 CFR 350.31 and 350.32 and the selection criteria contained in § 356.30.

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Subpart D—How Does the Secretary Select a Fellow?

§ 356.30 What selection criteria are used for this program?

The Secretary evaluates an application for a Fellowship on the basis of—

- (a) Quality and level of formal education, previous work experience, and recommendations of present or former supervisors or colleagues that include an indication of the applicant's ability to work creatively in scientific research; and
- (b) The quality of a research proposal of no more than 12 pages containing the following information:
 - (1) The importance of the problem to be investigated to the purpose of the Act and the mission of the Institute.
 - (2) The research hypotheses or related objectives and the methodology and design to be followed.

- (3) Assurance of the availability of any necessary data resources, equipment, or institutional support, including technical consultation and support where appropriate, required to carry out the proposed activity.

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§ 356.31 How does the Secretary evaluate an application under this part?

The Secretary awards the following points for each application based on how well the applicant addresses the two criteria in § 356.30: Outstanding (5); Superior (4); Satisfactory (3); Marginal (2); Poor (1).

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§ 356.32 What are the special considerations in selecting applications for funding under this part?

- (a) The Secretary reserves funds to support some or all of the applications which have been awarded a rating of superior or better (4-5 points) under § 356.31.

- (b) In making a final selection of applicants to support under this program, the Secretary considers the extent to which applicants rated outstanding or superior present a unique opportunity to effect a major advance in knowledge, address critical problems in innovative ways, present proposals which are consistent with the Institute's Long-Range Plan, build research capacity within the field, or complement and significantly increases the potential value of already planned research and related activities.

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