

have participated in activities supported by TAH grants. The purpose of the evaluation is to inform future reauthorizations of the TAH program and to inform other Federal programs focusing on teacher training in specific areas.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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Office of Postsecondary Education; Graduate Assistance in Areas of National Need (GAANN) Program; Notice Inviting Applications for New Awards for Fiscal Year (FY) 2004

Purpose of Program: GAANN provides fellowships in areas of national need to assist graduate students with excellent academic records who demonstrate financial need and plan to pursue the highest degree available in their courses of study.

Eligible Applicants: Academic departments of institutions of higher education that meet the requirements in the program regulations at 34 CFR 648.2.

Applications Available: October 1, 2003.

Deadline for Transmittal of Applications: November 7, 2003.

Deadline for Intergovernmental Review: January 7, 2004.

Estimated Available Funds: The Administration has requested \$10,015,000 for the GAANN Program new awards for FY 2004. The actual

level of funding, if any, depends on final congressional action. However, we are inviting applications to allow enough time to complete the grant process, if Congress appropriates funds for this program.

Estimated Range of Awards:
\$124,668–\$750,000.

Estimated Average Size of Awards:
\$208,645.

Estimated Number of Awards: 48.

Note: The Department is not bound by any estimates in this notice.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Stipend Level: The Secretary will determine the GAANN fellowship stipend for the academic year 2004–2005 based on the level of support provided by the National Science Foundation (NSF) graduate fellowships as of February 1, 2004, except that the amount will be adjusted as necessary so as not to exceed the GAANN fellow's demonstrated level of financial need.

Institutional Payment: The Secretary will determine the institutional payment for the academic year 2004–2005 by adjusting the previous academic year institutional payment, which is \$11,296 per fellow, by the U.S. Department of Labor's Consumer Price Index for the 2003 calendar year.

Project Period: Up to 36 months.

Page Limit: The application narrative (Part III of the application) is where you, the applicant, address the selection criteria that reviewers use to evaluate your application. You must limit Part III as follows:

Applications in a single discipline must be limited to no more than 40 pages.

Interdisciplinary applications, as defined below, must be limited to no more than 60 pages.

Multidisciplinary applications, as defined below, must be limited to no more than 40 pages for each academic discipline included in the proposal.

All applications (single discipline, Interdisciplinary and Multidisciplinary) must apply the following standards:

- A "page" is 8.5" x 11", on one side only, with 1" margins at the top, bottom, and both sides.

- Double space (no more than three lines per vertical inch) all text in the application narrative, including titles, headings, footnotes, quotations, references, and captions. However, you may single space all text in charts, tables, figures, and graphs. Charts, tables, figures, and graphs presented in the application narrative do count toward the page limit.

- Use a font that is either 12-point or larger or no smaller than 10 pitch (character per inch).

- Appendices are limited to the following: Curriculum vitae—no more than two pages per faculty member; a course listing; letters of support; bibliography; and one additional optional appendix relevant to the support of the proposal, not to exceed five pages.

The page limit does not apply to Part I, the cover sheet; Part II, the budget section; the assurances and certifications; the one-page abstract; or the appendices. However, you must include all of the application narrative in Part III.

We will reject your application if—

- You apply these standards and exceed the page limit; or
- You apply other standards and exceed the equivalent of the page limit.

Note: Interdisciplinary applications request funding for a single proposed program of study that involves academic fields in two or more disciplines.

Multidisciplinary applications request funding for two or more proposed programs of study that are independent and unrelated to one another.

Applicants must abide by these definitions of "Interdisciplinary" and "Multidisciplinary" when applying the page limit standards.

Applicable Regulations: (a) The Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) in 34 CFR parts 74, 75, 77, 79, 82, 85, 86, 97, 98, and 99; and (b) The regulations for this program in 34 CFR part 648.

Priority

Absolute Priority: This competition focuses on projects designed to meet a priority in the regulations for this program (34 CFR 648.33).

Areas of National Need: A project must provide fellowships in one or more of the following areas of national need: biology, chemistry, computer and information sciences, engineering, geological and related sciences, mathematics, and physics.

Under 34 CFR 75.105(c)(3) we consider only applications that meet the priority.

Performance Measures

Under the Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA), two measures have been developed for evaluating the overall effectiveness of the GAANN Program: (1) To increase the percentage of GAANN fellows who obtain a doctorate degree in an area of national need; and (2) To increase the percentage of GAANN fellows from traditionally underrepresented populations.

All grantees will be expected to submit an annual performance report