

be on a tenure track or term (teaching or research) appointment that will extend beyond the 15-month duration of this fellowship;

(2) Have been awarded a Ph.D.

received no earlier than January 1, 1998;

(3) Proposed a research project that can be completed within the 15-month fellowship period;

(4) Received support from your institution as attested to in the letter described below in Section V(C)(2)(c); and

(5) Be a U.S. citizen or legally admitted permanent resident (green card recipient).

(E) *Eligible Activities*. Your grant must support costs related to completion of your research project. Eligible costs include, but are not limited to, your salary for two summers; graduate assistants to work on the project; up to \$2,500 per course for the purchasing of your release time from teaching; computer software; survey development and administration; the purchase of data; travel expenses to collect data or to make presentations at meetings on your findings; transcription services; compensation for interviews; and no more than eight percent of the university's indirect costs.

IV. Application Selection Process

The National Research Council (NRC) will administer the competition and selection process for this program on HUD's behalf. The NRC will conduct two types of reviews: A threshold review to determine your eligibility to apply; and a technical review to rate your application based on the rating factors in this section.

(A) *Threshold Factors for Funding Consideration*. Under the threshold review, your application can only be rated if the following standards are met:

(1) You are eligible to apply for this program, as defined in Section III (D) above, and have provided a letter from your department chair confirming your eligibility;

(2) You have obtained a mentor and have included a letter from this person confirming this fact and describing his or her role in your research; and

(3) Your institution has agreed to provide some support to you, beyond that provided by this funding, as part of this grant and has provided a letter outlining that support.

(B) *Ineligible Activities*. Your grant may not be used to pay for tuition, computer hardware, meals and relocation costs, or other costs not directly related to your research project. Fellowship funding cannot be used to substitute for university funding. HUD must approve receipt of additional

external grant awards and will do so on a case-by-case basis.

(C) *Other Requirements*.

(1) *Support from your university*.

Support from your university is required. Institutions will be required at a minimum, to:

(a) Designate a faculty adviser to monitor your progress on your research project;

(b) Provide office space, computer usage, etc.; and

(c) Waive indirect costs above the eight percent allowed to be covered by this fellowship.

In addition, your application will be viewed more favorably if your institution agrees to reduce your course load by at least one course per term or semester, but continues to pay your full salary.

(2) *Progress reporting*. Award recipients must submit two copies of a progress report halfway through the fellowship tenure that details the progress made to date toward completion of the research project. At the completion of the research project, applicants must furnish three copies of a final paper documenting the research findings, as well as three copies of any publication or presentation based on the research.

(3) *Mentors*. You will be required to work with a mentor on your research project. The mentor can be someone in your institution or elsewhere and should be a well-respected scholar in the area of your research topic. The mentor will be expected to provide you with advice and direction on substantive research issues. The mentor and the faculty monitor described above can be, but do not have to be, the same person.

(4) *Compliance with Fair Housing and Civil Rights Laws*. All applicants and their subrecipients must comply with all Fair Housing and civil rights laws, statutes, regulations, and executive orders as enumerated in 24 CFR 5.105(a). In addition, the applicant and any subrecipients must comply with Title IX of the Education Amendments Act of 1972 (20 U.S.C. 1681 *et seq.*).

NRC will not rate and rank your application under this NOFA if the charge, lawsuit or letter of findings has not been resolved to the satisfaction of the Department before the application deadline. If you, the applicant,

(a) Have been charged with a systemic violation of the Fair Housing Act by the Secretary alleging ongoing discrimination;

(b) Are a defendant in a Fair Housing Act lawsuit filed by the Department of Justice alleging an ongoing pattern or practice of discrimination; or

(c) Have received a letter of noncompliance findings under Title VI, Section 504 or Section 109.

HUD's decision whether a charge, lawsuit, or a letter of findings has been satisfactorily resolved will be based upon whether appropriate actions have been taken to address allegations of ongoing discrimination in the policies or practices involved in the charge, lawsuit, or letter of findings.

(5) *Delinquent Federal Debts*.

Consistent with the purpose and intent of 31 U.S.C. 3720B and 28 U.S.C. 3201(e), no award of federal funds shall be made to an applicant who has an outstanding delinquent federal debt until: (a) The delinquent account is paid in full; (b) a negotiated repayment schedule is established and at least one payment is received; or (c) other arrangements satisfactory to the Department of Housing and Urban Development are made prior to the deadline submission date.

(D) *Conflicts of Interest*. All individuals involved in rating and ranking this NOFA, including experts and consultants, must avoid conflicts of interest or the appearance of conflicts. Individuals involved in the rating and ranking of applications must disclose to HUD's General Counsel or HUD's Ethics Law Division the following information, if applicable: (a) How the selection or non-selection of any applicant under this NOFA will affect the individual's financial interests, as provided in 18 U.S.C. 208; or, (b) how the application process involves a party with whom the individual has a covered relationship under 5 CFR 2635.502. The individual must disclose this information prior to participating in any matter regarding this NOFA. If you have questions regarding these provisions, or if you have questions concerning a conflict of interest, you may call the Office of General Counsel, Ethics Law Division, at 202-708-3815.

(E) *Factors for Award Used to Evaluate and Rate Applications*. The factors for rating and ranking applicants and maximum points for each factor are provided below. The maximum number of points for this program is 100.

Rating Factor 1: Capacity to do the Research (15 points). In reviewing this factor, NRC will determine the extent to which your training, past employment, and past written work, such as your dissertation, teaching, coursework, and previously completed research papers that were accepted for presentation or publication, lay a foundation for this proposed work.

Rating Factor 2: Need for the Research (20 points). In reviewing this factor, NRC will determine the extent to which