



About IFLE

- International and Foreign Language Education (IFLE) administers 18 international education programs under Title VI and Title VII of the Higher Education Act and the Fulbright-Hays Act.
- These programs are complementary in nature and designed to benefit a variety of audiences through training programs, research, start-up or enhancement projects, and fellowships.



About the DDRA Fellowship

The Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad Fellowship Program is designed to contribute to the development and improvement of the study of modern foreign languages and area studies in the United States by providing opportunities for scholars to conduct research abroad.

- Institutional project period = 18 months
Begins October 1, 2013
- Research period = minimum 6 months to maximum 12 months
(must be consecutive months)



FY 2013 Competition Priorities

Absolute Priority

- Geographic area
- 34 CFR 75.105 (c)(3)

Competitive Preference Priorities

1. Less Commonly Taught Languages (LCTLs)
2. Multi-disciplinary fields of study
-34 CFR 75 (c)(2)(i)

FY 2013 Invitational Priority

Applications from minority-serving institutions as well as other institutions that promote the participation of students from minority backgrounds in research abroad projects in foreign languages and international studies.



FY 2013 Funds and Awards

- Estimated Available Funds: **\$3,036,237**
- Estimated Range of Fellowship Awards: **\$15,000 to \$60,000**
- Estimated Average Size of Fellowship Awards: **\$35,305**
- Estimated Number of Fellowship Awards: **86**

NOTE: The Department of Education is not bound by any estimates in this notice.



Eligibility for Grant Funding

- ❖ Only Institutions of Higher Education (IHEs) are eligible to submit an application

- ❖ Each Institutional Applicant must appoint a DDRA Project Director, who assumes the responsibility to:
 - ✓ Register as the Project Director for his/her university in the G5 e-Application system;
 - ✓ Advise and guide individual student applications;
 - ✓ Submit the entire application to the U.S. Department of Education;
 - ✓ Administer the grant and disburse funds, if awarded the grant; and
 - ✓ Serve as the point of contact for all of that institution's fellows, regardless of research topic or discipline.



Eligibility for DDRA Fellowship

A student is eligible to receive a DDRA Fellowship if the student:

- is a citizen or national of the United States or is a permanent resident of the United States;
- is a graduate student in good standing at an eligible institution of higher education and, when the fellowship period begins, is admitted to candidacy in a doctoral degree program in modern foreign languages and area studies at that institution;
- plans a teaching career in the United States upon graduate, or who plans to apply language skills in world areas vital to U.S. national security and knowledge of these countries in the fields of government, international development, and various professions; and
- possesses adequate skills in the foreign language(s) necessary to carry out the dissertation research project.



Applicant Roles and Responsibilities

Institution

- Appointed Project Director registers in G5
- Makes fellowship application materials available to students
- Accepts and screens applications in accordance to its own technical and academic criteria
- Includes student applications with institutional application
- Administers the grant and disbursing funds

Fellows

- Contact Project Director for institutional information
- Register in G5
- Initiate emails to solicit references
- Submit complete application in G5
- Submit Institutional Review Board (IRB) narrative to Project Director for upload into G5
- Follow up with Project Director



Financial Provisions

Maintenance Allowance includes expenses such as:

- Health and accident insurance for the student fellow
- Books
- Technology directly related to proposed research, i.e., flash drives, scanners, etc.
- Travel within host country(ies)
- Affiliation fees
- Dependents*
(married spouse and unmarried children under the age of 21)



Financial Provisions (continued)

The DDRA Fellowship award does **not** provide funds for:

- Research or related project activities conducted in the United States
- Reimbursement for travel not approved by U.S. Department of Education
- Any allowances for dependents not accompanying the fellow for the entire research period
- Travel for dependents
- Travel and expenses not directly related to the project
- All expenditures due to changes in the itinerary and/or grant agreement
- Passport, visas, photo, or other identifying documents for clearance
- Physical examinations, immunizations, or other medical expenses
- Tuition or other fees for study or projects conducted in the United States
- Obligations not incurred within the grant period



G5 e-Application System

www.G5.gov

- Students submit individual applications to Project Director using G5
- Language and academic references submit forms to Project Director using G5. References using servers overseas will not be permitted to submit forms in G5
- Project Director officially submits IHE and all eligible individual student applications, reference forms, IRB narratives, and other required forms, using G5

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Application Deadline:
June 3, 2013
4:30 p.m. EST

Online Training Module:
www.G5.gov

G5 Technical Assistance:
1-888-336-8930



Technical Review

- **Quality of Proposed Project** (Maximum 60 points)
 - Hypothesis Statement/Research Questions (15 points)
 - Theoretical issues, originality, literature (10 points)
 - Preliminary research (10 points)
 - Justification for overseas research (10 points)
 - Dissemination plan (5 points)
 - Guidance and Supervision from advisor/committee (10 points)

- **Qualifications of Applicants** (Maximum 40 points)
 - Applicant's academic record (10 points)
 - Applicant's academic strength in area studies (10 points)
 - Applicant's language proficiency (15 points)
 - Applicant's ability to conduct research overseas (5 points)

TOTAL: up to 100 points

Absolute and Competitive Priority Points TOTAL: up to 10 points



Next Steps...

- Upcoming presentations
 - ✓ Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA) Measures/ Program Evaluation
 - ✓ Selection Process
 - ✓ Project Director webinar and review of the Project Director's Handbook



Questions, Comments, Concerns?

DDRA program-related questions: *ddra@ed.gov*

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THANK YOU!