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Undergraduate International Studies and Foreign Language Program (UISFL)

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MISSION

To meet the national needs for expertise and competence in foreign languages and area or international studies.

PROGRAMS

14 International Education Programs

– 10 Domestic Title VI Programs

– 4 Overseas Fulbright-Hays Programs



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UNDERGRADUATE INTERNATIONAL STUDIES AND FOREIGN LANGUAGE UISFL PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

This program provides funds to plan, develop, and carry out programs to strengthen and improve undergraduate instruction in international studies and foreign languages.

Legislative Citation

Higher Education Act of 1965 (HEA), as amended, Title VI, Part A, Sec. 604; 20 U.S.C. 1124

Program Regulations

EDGAR; 34 *CFR* 655 and 658



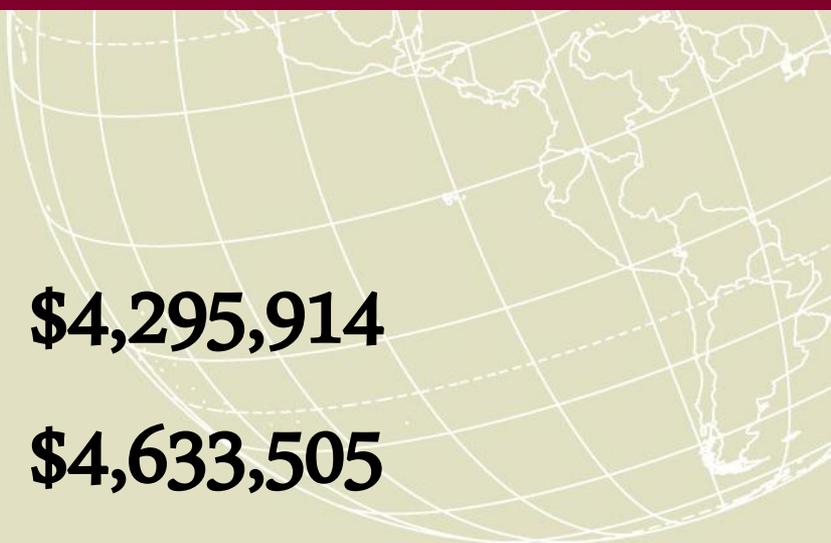
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UISFL Program Purpose

- ❖ To strengthen undergraduate instruction in international studies and foreign languages.
- ❖ To develop and expand language, area studies, and international studies programs and curricula on campuses with limited resources .



Appropriation History



Fiscal Year 2008	\$4,295,914
Fiscal Year 2009	\$4,633,505
Fiscal Year 2010	\$4,634,000
Fiscal Year 2011	\$1,000,792



FY 2012 Awards Information

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

- **Number of New Awards Anticipated: 60**

- **Range of New Awards:**
 - **\$70,000–\$120,000 for a single institution;**
 - **\$80,000–\$200,000 for consortia, organizations, and associations**



Eligible Applicants

- ❖ **Institutions of higher education**
- ❖ **Private nonprofit educational organizations**
- ❖ **Consortia of the above**



Eligibility Note

An institutional application must contain plans for improving and strengthening **undergraduate instruction** in **both international studies and foreign languages** and be **multi or interdisciplinary** in design.



Eligible Program Activities

- Development of a **global studies/international studies** program which is **interdisciplinary** in design;
- Development of a program that focuses on **global issues** or topics, such as peace studies or international health;
- Development of an **area studies** program and its languages;
- Creation of innovative curricula which combines the teaching of **international studies** with **professional and pre-professional studies**, such as engineering;



Eligible Program Activities

(cont'd)...

- Research for and development of **specialized teaching materials**, including language materials, i.e. Business Chinese or Spanish for Healthcare Professionals;
- Establishment of **internship or service-learning opportunities** in **domestic or international** settings, as well as development of study abroad programs;
- Creating opportunities for faculty/students to strengthen area studies expertise or linguistic skills by providing **training or research opportunities overseas.**



Program regulations

- **Single institutions:** → **two years**
- **Organizations, associations, and institutional consortia:** → **three years**
- ***Must provide a plan of operation and budget for each year for which support is requested.***
- ***Project activities to be carried out primarily (but not solely) within the U.S.***



Allowable Expenses

- ✓ Salaries/summer stipends
- ✓ Acquisition costs for library or teaching materials
- ✓ Staff/faculty development
- ✓ Professional service costs for consultants, evaluators and visiting lecturers
- ✓ Costs associated with developing/enhancing study abroad programs or internship opportunities



Allowable Expenses (cont'd)

- ✓ Stipends for students who are carrying out grant-related activities
- ✓ Costs for domestic & overseas faculty travel & per diem for study, research, etc.
- ✓ Up to 10% of funds can be used to support educational programs abroad/students in a study abroad/internship program
- ✓ Limited to 8% indirect costs



Matching 30-50% of Grant Request

- Required matching funds may be obtained either through:
 - (a) private sector cash equal to $\frac{1}{3}$ of the total project budget; or
 - (b) a combination of institutional and non-institutional cash or in-kind amounts equal to $\frac{1}{2}$ of the total project budget.



Matching – 30-50% of grant request (cont'd)...

- Indirect cost match is capped at 8%
- No matching with other Federal funds
- Federal funds not matched during performance period must be returned
- Exceptions: Title III and Title V institutions



Types of Priorities

- ❖ **Absolute (requirement)**
- ❖ **Competitive Preference (for additional points)**
- ❖ **Invitational (special invitation from the Secretary, but no points assigned)**



Competition Highlights

- ✓ **Looking for innovative ideas that answer needs in the field**
- ✓ **Hoping to fund more projects for this competitive round**
- ✓ **Hoping to put more money into this competitive round**



Competition Highlights (cont'd)

- ✓ Interested in well-developed evaluation plans
- ✓ Measureable objectives for reporting
- ✓ Plans to showcase strength and importance of international education through data collection and reporting



Selection Criteria

Institutional Applications

- Plan of Operation (Max. 15 points)
 - Quality of Key Personnel (Max. 10 points)
 - Budget and Cost Effectiveness (Max. 10 points)
 - Evaluation Plan (Max. 20 points)
 - Adequacy of Resources (Max. 5 points)
 - Commitment to International Studies (Max. 10 points)
 - Elements of Int'l Studies Program (Max. 10 points)
 - Need for & Results of Program (Max. 10 points)
 - Competitive Preference Priorities (Max. 10 points)
- TOTAL POINTS** **100 points**



Selection Criteria

Organizations & Associations

- Plan of Operation (Max. 15 points)
 - Quality of Key Personnel (Max. 10 points)
 - Budget and Cost Effectiveness (Max. 10 points)
 - Evaluation Plan (Max. 20 points)
 - Adequacy of Resources (Max. 5 points)
 - Need for & Impact of Project in Improving Int'l Studies & Foreign Languages at the Undergraduate Level (Max. 30 points)
 - Competitive Preference Priorities (Max. 10 points)
- TOTAL POINTS** **100 points**



Application Process

- We anticipate competition announcement around mid October 2011 for the FY 2012 competition.
- We anticipate a mid December 2011 deadline.
- Electronic submission through Grants.gov system
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For more information...

Past successful applications, abstracts and links provided for UISFL Program

<http://www2.ed.gov/programs/iegpsugisf/index.html>

Electronic grant application submission

<http://www.grants.gov>

Panel reviewer application submission

<http://opeweb.ed.gov/frs/frsHome.cfm>

Grant making at ED

<http://www2.ed.gov/fund/grant/about/grantmaking/index.html>



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Questions and Discussion

THANK YOU!

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