

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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**Jacob K. Javits Fellowship Program
Notice Inviting Applications for New
Awards for Fiscal Year (FY) 1999**

Purpose of Program: To award fellowships to eligible students of superior ability, selected on the basis of demonstrated achievement, financial need, and exceptional promise to undertake graduate study leading to a doctoral degree or a Master of Fine Arts (MFA) at accredited institutions of higher education in selected fields of the arts, humanities, or social sciences. This program supports the National Education Goal for Adult Americans to possess the knowledge and skills necessary to compete in a global economy and exercise the rights and responsibilities of citizenship.

Eligible Applicants: Eligibility is limited to students who at the time of application have not yet completed their first year of graduate study or will be entering graduate school in academic year 1999–2000. Eligibility is limited to students who are eligible to receive any grant, loan, or work assistance and intend to pursue a doctoral degree or MFA degree in fields selected by the Jacob K. Javits Fellowship Board at accredited institutions of higher education in the U.S. Students must be U.S. citizens or nationals, permanent residents of the U.S., or a citizen of any one of the Freely Associated States.

Applications Available: January 25, 1999.

Deadline for Transmittal of Applications: March 19, 1999.

Available Funds: \$1,106,000.

Note: If increased program funds become available, additional awards will be made.

Estimated Range of Awards: The Secretary has determined that the fellowship stipend for academic year 1999–2000 is \$15,000, which is equal to

the level of support that the National Science Foundation is providing for its graduate fellowships, or the fellow's financial need, as determined by Part F of Title IV of the Higher Education Act, whichever is less. The institutional payment for academic year 1998–1999 was \$10,222. The Secretary will adjust the institutional payment prior to the issuance of grant awards based on the Department of Labor's projection in December 1998 of the Consumer Price Index for 1999.

Estimated Average Size of the Awards: \$25,300.

Estimated Number of Awards: 43 individual fellowships.

Project Period: Up to 48 months.

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

Applicable Regulations: (a) The Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) in 34 CFR parts 74, 75 (except as provided in 34 CFR 650.3(b)), 77, 82, 85 and 86; and (b) The regulations for this program in 34 CFR part 650 (see amendments to these regulations published elsewhere in this issue of the **Federal Register**).

Note: Currently, section 701(a) of the HEA requires that fellowship funds be made available to students in the year following the year that the funds were appropriated.

The Department expects to request a technical amendment to this provision. However, if an amendment is not enacted fellowships will not be available until the Fall of 2000.

For further information or applications: Contact Melissa Burton, Jacob K. Javits Fellowship Program, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20202–5247. Telephone: (202) 260–3574. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1–800–877–8339 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Eastern time, Monday through Friday.

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