

International Grant Opportunities at the Office of Postsecondary Education

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Office of Postsecondary Education

- International Education Programs Service (IEPS) 14 Grant Programs
 - Fulbright-Hays Grants
 - Title VI Grants
- Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education (FIPSE) 4 Grant Programs
 - FIPSE Comprehensive Program
 - U.S.-Brazil Higher Education Consortia Program
 - Program for North American Mobility in Higher Education
 - European Union – United States Atlantis Program

INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS

- **MISSION:** To promote, improve and develop international education throughout the educational structure of the United States.
- **PROGRAMS:** Fourteen programs focus, in an integrated fashion, on developing a cadre of faculty, students, teachers and professionals to acquire a better understanding of area studies, foreign languages and international business.

INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS

- Four programs funded under the
THE FULBRIGHT-HAYS ACT
Approximately \$12,600,000 per year
- Ten programs funded under the
TITLE VI-HIGHER EDUCATION ACT
Approximately \$91,541,000 per year

FIVE PROGRAMS THAT SUPPORT RESEARCH/STUDY ABROAD:

FULBRIGHT-HAYS ACT

- Seminars Abroad
- Group Projects Abroad
- Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad
- Faculty Research Abroad

TITLE VI OF THE HIGHER EDUCATION ACT

- American Overseas Research Centers

NINE PROGRAMS THAT SUPPORT INTERNATIONALIZATION WITHIN THE UNITED STATES (TITLE VI)

- National Resource Centers
- Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowships
- Language Resource Centers
- Centers for International Business Education
- International Research and Studies

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NINE PROGRAMS THAT SUPPORT INTERNATIONALIZATION WITHIN THE UNITED STATES (TITLE VI)

Continued.....

- Business and International Education
- Undergraduate Int'l Studies & Foreign Language
- Institute for International Public Policy
- Technological Innovation and Cooperation for Foreign Information Access

TITLE VI: NATIONAL RESOURCE CENTERS

- Provides grants to colleges and universities to strengthen and maintain US capacity in foreign languages, area studies through the training of specialists in less-commonly taught languages and area and international studies.
- Predominant source for training in the less-commonly taught languages.
- Grants provide for the expansion and development of curricula and course work in LCTLs. Provide opportunities for faculty to improve their teaching and assessment of LCTLs.
- Currently 124 NRCs are funded throughout the US in nine world areas at the cost \$28,620,000.

TITLE VI: LANGUAGE RESOURCE CENTERS

- Provides grants to help improve the nation's capacity to teach and learn foreign languages through teacher training, research, materials development and dissemination projects.
- Currently fifteen LRCs are funded throughout the US at the cost of \$4,800,000.
- One LRC focuses solely on K-12 education and six LRCs are area based (African, East Asian, and Slavic)
- Each LRC offers foreign language teacher training workshops

TITLE VI: INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH AND STUDIES

- Provides grants to conduct surveys, studies and instructional materials development for foreign language, area, and related international studies.
- Funds research such as MLA survey of language enrollments and ACTFL survey of K-12 enrollments, development of proficiency/performance based testing and provides grants for the development of LCTLs dictionaries and instructional materials.
- Currently there are approximately 46 projects funded at the amount of \$5,822,292.

TITLE VI: FOREIGN LANGUAGE AND AREA STUDIES FELLOWSHIPS

- Provides fellowships to colleges and universities for academic year and summer fellowships to assist graduate students in foreign language and area or international studies.
- Fellowships are awarded in over 118 languages annually.
- Fellowships are awarded to area studies students as well as professional school students, (i.e. public health, legal, business and engineering)
- There are over 124 grantee FLAS institutions.
- Currently, 1561 FLAS fellows are supported in the amount of \$29,129,500.

TITLE VI: AMERICAN OVERSEAS RESEARCH CENTERS

- Provides grants to consortia to establish or operate overseas research centers that promote postgraduate research exchanges, and area studies.
- AORCs provide opportunities for students and researchers to conduct studies using authentic texts and primary resources in the languages of the region.
- Currently twelve AORCs are funded in the amount of \$1,000,000.
- AORC centers are located in Senegal, Tunisia/Morocco, Italy, Greece, Egypt, Turkey, Cyprus, Jerusalem, Jordan, Yemen, and India.

TITLE VI: UNDERGRADUATE INTERNATIONAL STUDIES AND FOREIGN LANGUAGE

- Provides grants to two and four -year colleges and universities and public and private agencies and organizations to conduct programs to strengthen undergraduate instruction in international studies and foreign languages.
- Provides grants to develop and expand language programs and curricula on campuses with limited resources.
- Currently 55 projects are supported in the amount of \$4,400,000.

TITLE VI: BUSINESS AND INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION

- Provides grants to two and four-year colleges and universities who enter into an agreement with a trade association to improve the academic teaching of the business curriculum and conduct outreach activities to the regional business community.
- Provides funding for the development of language courses for special purposes, (i.e. business and marketing)
- Currently 52 projects are supported in the amount of \$4,400,000.
- Please visit www.gvsu.edu/bie

TITLE VI: CENTERS FOR INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS EDUCATION

- Provides grants to universities to conduct research, training and development of business curriculum on issues of importance to US trade and competitiveness.
- Mandated to provide instruction in foreign languages to promote cross-cultural understanding of our trading partners.
- Offered 141 undergraduate and 454 graduate language courses for special purposes.
- Currently 30 CIBEs are supported in the amount of \$10,650,000.

TITLE VI: TECHNOLOGY INNOVATION AND COOPERATION FOR FOREIGN INFORMATION ACCESS

- Provides grants to universities, colleges and non-profits to develop innovative techniques or programs using new technologies to collect, organize and preserve and widely disseminate information on world regions.
- Some grants have funded projects to place foreign language materials and collections on-line.
- Currently ten projects are supported in the amount of \$1,700,000.

TITLE VI: INSTITUTE FOR INTERNATIONAL PUBLIC POLICY

- Provides a single grant to assist a consortium of colleges and universities to establish and operate an institute designed to increase the representation of minorities in international service.
- Provide funding for language immersion for IIPP fellows.
- Currently the United Negro College Fund is funded in the amount of \$1,599,840.

FULBRIGHT-HAYS DOCTORAL DISSERTATION RESEARCH ABROAD

- Provides grants to colleges and universities to fund individual doctoral students to conduct research abroad in modern foreign languages and area studies for periods of 6-12 months.
- Projects focusing on Western Europe will not be funded.
- Currently 150 fellows are supported in the amount of \$4,400,000.

FULBRIGHT-HAYS: FACULTY RESEARCH ABROAD

- Provides grants to colleges and universities to fund faculty to maintain and improve their area studies and language skills by conducting research abroad for a period of 3 to 12 months.
- Projects focusing on Western Europe will not be funded.
- Grants allow for multi-country research.
- Amount of grant based on academic-year salary plus air and expenses and project allowance (i.e. internal travel, books, etc.).
- Currently 25 fellows are supported in the amount of \$1,395,000.

FULBRIGHT-HAYS: GROUP PROJECTS ABROAD

- Provides grants to colleges and universities and non-profit organizations to support overseas training, research and curriculum development in modern foreign languages and area studies by teachers, faculty and students.
- We fund twelve intensive and advanced language training programs abroad and forty short-term seminars abroad.
- Currently 54 projects are supported in the amount of \$4,273,000.

FULBRIGHT-HAYS: SEMINARS ABROAD PROGRAM

- Provides opportunities to US teachers and college and university faculty in the social sciences and humanities to study and travel overseas on a seminar for a period up to six weeks.
- Provides opportunities for language immersion experience for K-12 teachers and faculty.
- Currently we fund nine seminars for 144 participants in the amount of \$2,038,630.

FIPSE GRANT PROGRAMS

- FIPSE COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAM
- U.S.-BRAZIL HIGHER EDUCATION CONSORTIA PROGRAM
- PROGRAM FOR NORTH AMERICAN MOBILITY IN HIGHER EDUCATION
- EUROPEAN UNION – UNITED STATES ALTANTIS PROGRAM

COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAM GOALS

- The Comprehensive Program is designed to support innovative reform projects that hold promise as models for the resolution of important issues and problems in postsecondary education.
- Currently 91 projects are supported in the amount of \$16,403,000.

FIPSE INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM GOALS

FIPSE International programs address the internationalization of higher education on a number of fronts: multilateral, multi-institutional collaboration; student mobility; mutual recognition of credits and study activities; development of shared and/or common curricula; acquisition of host country languages; development of apprenticeships and other work activities; and faculty and staff cooperation and exchange.

FIPSE INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM FUNDING

- U.S.-BRAZIL HIGHER EDUCATION CONSORTIA PROGRAM
 - 31 projects in the amount of \$1,445,000
- PROGRAM FOR NORTH AMERICAN MOBILITY IN HIGHER EDUCATION
 - 30 projects in the amount of \$1,474,000
- EUROPEAN UNION – UNITED STATES ALTANTIS PROGRAM
 - 31 projects in the amount of \$1,445,000

FIPSE INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS BY DISCIPLINE

FIPSE International Programs by Subject Areas, 1995-2004

SUBJECT AREA	Number	Percent
Environmental Science	35	15.5
Engineering & Technology	34	14.6
Social Science & Public Policy	33	14.6
Business & Economics	28	12.4
Agriculture & Veterinary Science	23	10.2
Vocational Education	22	9.7
Health Sciences & Medicine	18	8.0
Education	13	5.8
Legal & Professional Studies	11	4.9
Arts & Humanities	6	2.7
Natural Sciences	3	1.3
Total	226	100.0

GRANTSMANSHIP

- **Contact program officer**
- **Review abstracts of funded grantees**
- **Conduct self-assessment and institutional assessment**
- **Conduct a needs assessment**
- **Develop linkages internally and externally**
- **Conduct a brainstorming session**
- **Form an internal task force**

GRANTSMANSHIP

- Address each component of the legislation
- Propose realistic activities and costs
- Review/Refine objectives
- Contact funded grantees for information and to serve as a consultant
- Designate a management team with international and grants experience.
- Prepare a specific and detailed budget
- Request letters of support

GRANTSMANSHIP

- Provide summative and formative evaluation plans of grant activities
- Address issues of institutional commitment and sustainability
- Format the proposal so that it is easy to read
- Be positive and passionate
- If not, request the reviewers comments and REAPPLY!

WEB SITES/CONTACT INFORMATION

INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION
PROGRAMS SERVICE

www.ed.gov/HEP/iegps

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POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION

www.ed.gov/fipse

Applications and abstracts and links provided for all
programs.