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Objectives of Today’s Session

- Overview of DDRA Program
- Description of Pre-Award Process
- Description of Application Review Process
- Application Tips
- Q&A Session

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History of Fulbright Programs and IFLE

- History of Fulbright-Hays Programs
- IFLE Programs
- Notable DDRA Fellows

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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.

- **Who is eligible applicant = Institutions of Higher Education**
- **Who is eligible for a fellowship = U.S. citizens or nationals/permanent residents; Is a graduate student in good standing at a U.S. institution of higher education**
- **Institutional project period = 18 months**
- **Research period = minimum 6 months to maximum 12 months (must be consecutive months)**

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FY 2016 Competition Priorities

**Absolute Priority**
- Geographic area
  - 34 CFR 75.105 (c)(3)

**Competitive Preference Priorities**
1. Less Commonly Taught Languages (LCTLS)
2. Thematic Focus on Academic Fields
   - 34 CFR 75 (c)(2)(i)

**FY 2016 Invitational Priority**

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FY 2016 Funds and Awards

- Estimated Available Funds: $3,011,504
- Estimated Range of Fellowship Awards: $15,000 to $60,000
- Estimated Average Size of Fellowship Awards: $33,461
- Estimated Number of Fellowship Awards: 90

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

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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.

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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.

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DDRA and FUSP-IIE

- As stated in Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board policy 426.1 Concurrent Grants: No applicant may receive concurrently a grant from the Fulbright US Student Program (FUSP) and a grant from the Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad Program.

- An applicant to the DDRA Program must indicate on his/her application to the program if he/she has currently applied for a FUSP-IIE grant.

- Once a candidate has accepted an award from the FUSP-IIE program and FUSP has expended funds on a student, he/she is then ineligible for a DDRA grant. If, at any point, the candidate accepts the FUSP award prior to being notified of his/her status with the DDRA Program, the candidate must notify the DDRA office immediately.

- If after consultation with the FUSP program we determine that FUSP has expended funds on the student (e.g., the candidate has attended the pre-departure orientation or was issued grant funds), the candidate will be deemed ineligible for the DDRA award at that time.

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The Project Director must review the student’s application transmittal in G5

1. Fulbright-Hays DDRA Application Form
2. Curriculum vita
3. Project Description/ Application narrative (must comply with guidelines)
4. Application bibliography
5. One foreign language reference form
6. Three graduate student reference forms
7. Transcripts
8. Letters of affiliation/Host Country Supporting Materials
9. Institutional Review Board (IRB) narrative (if applicable)
Applicant Roles and Responsibilities

**Institution**

- Attend the DDRA technical assistance webinar
- Appoint Project Director and register in G5
- Make fellowship application material available to students interested in applying.
- Accept and screen applications to ascertain if all eligibility requirements have been met
- Ensure that the student’s application material is submitted with the institution’s application
- Administer the grant and disburse funding in a timely manner

**Student Applicant**

- 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 to upload in the G5 system (if applicable)
- Follow up with Project Director

**Referee**

- Receives reference forms from student
- Completes and submits reference form
- Send Project Director copy of reference and form

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G5 e-Application System  
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- Students submit individual applications to Project Director using G5.
- Language and academic references must be submitted to Project Director using G5. References using servers overseas may not be able to submit forms in G5.
- **PLEASE DO NOT USE SPECIAL/NON ENGLISH CHARACTERS IN ANY FORM OR DOCUMENT FOR BOTH FELLOWSHIP APPLICANTS AND REFEREES** (for example, %, *, /, etc.)
- **DO NOT USE** foreign characters or symbols such as words spelled with a non-English alphabet, (e.g. “Boğaziçi” or “Nizām al-Dīn Gīlānī”) or any word with an accent mark, tilde, umlaut, circumflex, or slash.
- Students must select **NO** to the question “Are you registering as a Fellowship Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation or Faculty Abroad Director?”
- Students must instruct the referee to print and send a copy of the reference letter and form to the project director.

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- DDRA reference forms--Fellowship Applicants need to at least save a draft of the DDRA form with their name, institution, country of research and language. After that, the reference forms will appear in the G5 system.
- Project Directors must REGISTER as “Applicant” and NOT Project Director in their G5 Profile
- Project Director officially submits the application, individual student applications, reference forms, IRB narratives (if applicable), and other required forms, using G5
- MAKE SURE ALL APPLICANTS and REFEREES HIT SUBMIT to complete the application submission process

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# US/ED Eligibility Screening

The US/ED screens all applications for technical eligibility in accordance with the evaluation criteria published in the Notice Inviting Applications and the program-specific regulations of 34 CFR Part 662

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<td>c. Careers in teaching or world areas vital to U.S. national security</td>
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Financial Provisions

DDRA funds may include 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)

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Financial Provisions (continued)

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

- Research or related project activities conducted in the United States
- **Gifts, stipend, salary, or monetary honoraria for research subjects, research assistants, etc.**
- 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
- Cars, mopeds, motorcycles
- 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

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Academic Technical Review

Peer reviewers are world area specialists in foreign languages and area studies from higher education institutions, government agencies, and non-government organizations throughout the United States. Peer reviewers determine technical scores in accordance with the competitive preference priorities, quality of the proposed project, and the qualifications of the applicant.

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**SUBTOTAL:** 100 Points maximum

- Competitive Priority 1: **Language** (3 points)
- Competitive Priority 2: **Field** (2 points)
- Invitational Priority: **MSI** (0 points)

**SUBTOTAL:** 5 points

**GRAND TOTAL:** 105 points maximum

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Technical Review

- **Quality of Proposed Project** (Maximum 60)
  - 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)
  - 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**

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  **TOTAL: up to 100 points**

- The student applicant must limit the application narrative to 10 pages, which must be double spaced.

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Technical Review

- **Absolute, Competitive, and Invitational Priorities** (Maximum 5 points)
- **Absolute Priority**—All applications must address the seven geographic regions—Africa, East Asia, Southeast Asia, South Asia, Near East, Central and Eastern Europe and Eurasia, and Western Hemisphere
- **Competitive Priority 1 (3 points)** — A research project that focuses on the 78 languages selected from the U.S. Department of Education’s list of Less Commonly Taught Languages (LCTLS)

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Technical Review

- **Competitive Priority 2 (2 points)**—A research project in the field of economics, engineering, international development, mathematics, political science, public health, science, education (comparative, or international education) or technology.

- **Invitational Priority (0 Points)**—Applications from Minority Serving Institutions.
  
  - For purposes of this invitational priority, Minority-Serving Institutions means an institution that is eligible to receive assistance under part A of title III, under part B of title III, or under title V of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (HEA).

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Application Tips

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Writing the Proposal

- Address all Selection Criteria in the order listed in the application packet
- Provide a detailed research plan that’s well developed and well-conceived
- Include sufficient details about your research goals
- Provide a specific and detailed budget using the correct maintenance amounts
- Avoid grammatical errors or specific professional jargon/acronyms
- Use persuasive descriptions of your research
- Remember: the Department selects grantees based on peer reviewers scores, so clearly addressing the selection criteria is critical

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Submitting your Application

- Register on the [www.G5.gov](http://www.G5.gov) online system early to avoid any system issues

- Back up/save your documents to avoid any computer issues

- PLEASE DO NOT USE SPECIAL/NON ENGLISH CHARACTERS IN ANY FORM OR DOCUMENT FOR BOTH FELLOWSHIP APPLICANTS AND REFEREES (for example, %, *, /, etc.)

- DO NOT USE Foreign characters or symbols such as words spelled with a non-English alphabet, such as “Boğaziçi” or “Nizām al-Dīn Gīlānī” or any word with an accent mark.

- DO NOT wait until the last minute to submit!

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Questions, Comments, Concerns?

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

DDRA program-related questions:
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G5 Technical Assistance:
1-888-336-8930

Application Deadline:
May 6, 2016
4:30:00 p.m. Washington DC time

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Questions and Answers

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