The following are general guidelines for this agency. Please see Notice of Grant Award for specific terms & conditions. The Principal Investigator is responsible for ensuring that all requirements are met. The Office of Research Services will assist the Principal Investigator in accomplishing this.

**General:**

The Department of Education provides fellowships in areas of national need to assist graduate students with excellent academic records who demonstrate financial need and plan to pursue the highest degree available in their course of study.

**Applying for Funding:**

There are general guidelines for this agency. Web site: http://www.ed.gov/fund/landing.jhtml?src=rt. Eligible applicants: Academic departments of institutions of higher education that meet the requirements in 34 CFR 648.2

**Renewals:**

**Special Considerations:**

Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) can be found at http://www.ed.gov/policy/fund/reg/edgarReg/edgar.html

**Budget Considerations & No Cost Extensions:**

Unless noted otherwise in terms & conditions, these grants are covered under FDP which provides the following:

- Approval for first No Cost Extension for a period of up to one year must be requested from Contract Administrator at least 30 days prior to end of budget period. Subsequent requests for extensions or requests for extensions exceeding one year must be requested from Department of Education awarding office.
- Pre Award costs can be requested from the ORS Accountant for up to 90 days prior to start date according to policies. The costs must be necessary for the conduct of the project and allowable under the potential award.
- Unobligated balance at the end of a budget period can be carried forward to the following budget period.
- Modifications to budgets without agency approval are allowable.

**Other Administrative Actions:**

Prior Agency Approval required for:

- Change in Scope, Principal Investigator or Key Personnel
- Change of Grantee Organization
- Any deviations from special terms or conditions stated on Notice of Grant Award
- Transfer the performance of substantive programmatic work to a third party by contract or other means
- Second and subsequent No Cost Extensions or extensions exceeding one year
- Pre Award Costs exceeding 90 days prior to start date
- Need for additional funds
Specific Cost Sharing Requirements:

Please refer to specific award regarding any Cost Sharing Requirements. Amount required is normally clearly noted on Grant Award Notification.

Carryforward:

Allowable from one budget period to the next without prior approval.

Other:

- Unless other is noted in terms and conditions, **Program Costs** must be treated as follows:
  - Research Awards – Alternative Costs Method – Added to funds committed to the project by the Secretary and recipient and used to further eligible project or program objectives.
  - Non-research Awards – Deductive Method – Deducted from the total project or program allowable cost in determining the net allowable costs on which the Federal share of costs is based.

Funding:

Invoicing Requirements:

No invoicing required – unless specified.

Financial Reporting Requirements:

Unless specified, no reporting is required.

Non-Financial Reporting Requirements:

Non-Financial Closeout:

Scientific Reporting Requirements:

A final performance report is always required within 90 days after the expiration or termination of grant support. Refer to the specific Special Grant Terms and Conditions for additional performance reporting requirements which may require reporting by budget period or more often.

Payment terms:

Funding for these awards is received via a letter of credit.

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