

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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**Jacob K. Javits Fellowship Program;
Notice Inviting Applications for New
Awards for Fiscal Year (FY) 1997**

Purpose of Program: To award fellowships to eligible students of superior ability, selected on the basis of demonstrated achievement and exceptional promise to undertake graduate study leading to a doctoral degree or the Masters of Fine Arts (MFA) at accredited institutions of higher education in selected fields of the arts, humanities, or social sciences.

Eligible Applicants: Eligibility is limited to students who at the time of application have no more than 30 semester hours or 45 quarter hours or equivalent of graduate credit applicable to the eligible field of study. Eligibility for fellowships to pursue a doctoral degree or the MFA that will not lead to an academic career is limited to U.S. citizens, permanent residents of the U.S., certain other eligible non-citizens. Eligibility for fellowships to pursue a doctoral or MFA degree that will lead to an academic career is limited to U.S. citizens.

*Deadline for Transmittal of
Applications:* May 19, 1997.

Applications Available: April 3, 1997.

Estimated Available Funds:
\$2,200,000.

Estimated Range of Awards: The Secretary has determined that the fellowship stipend for academic year 1997-1998 is \$14,400, 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 1997-1998 will be \$10,051.

*Estimated Average Size of the
Awards:* \$24,000.

Estimated Number of Awards: 90 individual fellowships.

Supplementary Information: Sixty percent of new awards will be available for fellowships to eligible applicants who have earned no credit hours applicable to a graduate degree. The remaining forty percent of new awards will be available for fellowships to all otherwise eligible applicants. In each of these two categories, sixty percent of these new fellowships will be awarded to applicants in the humanities, twenty percent to applicants in the social sciences, and twenty percent in the arts.

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

Project Period: Up to 48 months.

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.

For Applications or Information

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Information about the Department's funding opportunities, including copies of application notices for discretionary grant competitions, can be viewed on the Department's electronic bulletin board (ED Board), telephone (202) 260-9950; on the Internet Gopher Server (at [gopher://gcs.ed.gov](http://gcs.ed.gov)); or on the World Wide Web (at <http://gcs.ed.gov>). However, the official application notice for a discretionary grant competition is the notice published in the **Federal Register**.

Program Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1134, 1134h-k-1.

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Education.*

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