

# Jacob K. Javits Fellowship Program

The program provides financial assistance to students who have demonstrated:

- 1.) superior academic ability and achievement;
- 2.) exceptional promise; and
- 3.) financial need to undertake graduate study leading to a doctoral degree or Master of Fine Arts (MFA).

The Department of Education awards fellowships in selected fields of study of the arts, humanities and social sciences.

Panels of experts appointed by the Javits Fellowship Board (Board) select fellows according to criteria established by the Board. Students must demonstrate financial need by filing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid.

## **The selected fields of study supported by the Javits Fellowship Program are:**

Creative writing, music performance, music theory, music composition, music literature, studio arts (including photography), television, film, cinematography, theater arts, playwriting, screenwriting, acting, and dance. The selected fields in the humanities are: art history (including architectural history), archeology, area studies, classics, comparative literature, English language and literature, folklore, folklife, foreign languages and literature, history, linguistics, philosophy, religion, speech, rhetoric, and debate. The selected fields in the social sciences are: anthropology, communications and media, economics, ethnic and cultural studies, geography, political science, psychology but not clinical psychology, public policy and public administration, sociology but not the masters or Ph.D. in social work.

## **Eligibility:**

Fellowships can be offered to individuals who at the time of application have not yet completed their first full year of doctoral or MFA study or are entering graduate school for the first time in the next academic year. Students who have already received a Ph.D. or MFA, or received a Javits fellowship in previous years are not eligible.

Twenty percent of the fellowships shall be awarded in the social sciences, twenty percent in the arts, and sixty percent in the humanities. A minimum of sixty percent of the awards shall be made to students who have no graduate credits.

Eligibility is limited to U.S. citizens or nationals, permanent residents of the U.S., or citizens of any one of the Freely Associated States.

Applicants must be eligible to be accepted to or currently attending a graduate program leading to a doctorate or MFA in an eligible field of study at an institution of higher education approved by an accrediting agency recognized by the Secretary of the Department of Education. Applicants attending a foreign institution are ineligible.

Eligibility is limited to individuals who, as Javits fellows, will be eligible to receive any grant, loan, or work assistance pursuant to Section 484 of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended.

## **Services:**

Subject to the availability of funds, a fellow receives the Javits fellowship annually for up to the lesser of 48 months or the completion of their degree. The fellowship consists of an institutional

payment (accepted by the institution of higher education in lieu of all tuition and fees for the fellow) and a stipend (based on the fellow's financial need as determined by the measurements of the Federal Student Assistance Processing System).

To request an application, call: 1-800-433-3243 or fax: (319)358-4316 or e-mail: SFAMail@ed.gov

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