

Jacob K. Javits Fellowships Program (CFDA No. 84.170)

I. Legislation

Higher Education Act (HEA) of 1965, Title IX, Part C, as amended (20 U.S.C. 1134h-1134k-1) (expires September 30, 1997).

II. Funding History

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>
1985	\$2,500,000	1991	\$7,807,000
1986	2,393,000	1992	8,000,000
1987	4,700,000	1993	7,857,000
1988	6,702,000	1994	7,857,000
1989	7,904,000	1995	6,845,000
1990	7,896,000	1996	5,931,000

III. Analysis of Program Performance

A. Goals and Objectives

To assist needy students of superior ability to pursue graduate degrees in the arts, humanities, and social sciences.

B. Strategies to Achieve the Goals

Javits Fellowships are awarded on the basis of merit and financial need to entering and enrolled graduate students. Students are selected to receive fellowships on the basis of merit by panels of academic scholars appointed by the Jacob K. Javits Fellows Program Fellowship Board, whose members are appointed by the Secretary of Education.

New awards are distributed as determined by the Javits Fellowship Board. In 1995 the board specified that the awards be distributed as follows:

- At least 20 percent in the arts;
- At least 20 percent in the social sciences; and
- At least 60 percent in the humanities.

The board also specified that 60 percent of new awards be made to students who had earned no graduate credits and the remainder to students who had earned less than 30 semester or 45 quarter graduate credits.

In FY 1994, the Jacob K. Javits Fellows Program awarded 127 new fellowships to graduate students in the arts, humanities, and social sciences. This number dropped to 28 in FY 1995 as a result of rescission in the program budget. In FY 1994 each award included a payment of \$9,243 to the fellow's institution of higher education to cover tuition and fee expenses, regardless of whether actual tuition

and fee charges at the institution were above or below this amount. In FY 1995 that payment increased to \$9,493. For both years, the award also included a \$14,400 maximum stipend to the student, based on financial need. In its 11-year history, the program has awarded 1,355 fellowships. There were 339 fellows still enrolled in FY 1995.

C. Program Performance—Indicators of Impact and Effectiveness

The Administration has proposed eliminating the Javits program because it believes it does not support national priorities. Javits Fellowship recipients need not be from underrepresented groups and they do not have to be studying in areas of national need. The Administration's priority is to provide significant support to the broader federal Title IV Student Financial Assistance programs rather than to support a small categorical program such as Javits Fellowships. The Administration has also proposed that students receiving Javits Fellowships in prior years receive continuation awards using funds appropriated under the Graduate Assistance in Areas of National Need program. See also Office-Wide Performance Indicators for the Office of Postsecondary Education displayed in the Overview (OPS) to the postsecondary education programs.

IV. Planned Studies

None.

V. Sources of Information

Program files.

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