

program and educational objectives are met;

(5) Have as trainees only physicians who teach or plan teaching careers in general internal medicine and/or general pediatrics;

(6) To be eligible for stipend support from grant funds, a trainee must:

(i) Be a general internist or a general pediatrician,

(ii) Intend to teach in a general internal medicine and/or general pediatrics program on a full-time basis,

(iii) Be a full-time participant in the training project for at least 3 months, and

(iv) Receive less than full institutional salary during the period of Federal support of stipends; and

(7) Stipend support from grant funds may be no longer than 24 cumulative months for any trainee.

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**§ 57.3106 How will applications be evaluated?**

(a) As required by section 798(a) of the Act, each application for a grant under this subpart shall be submitted to a peer review group, composed principally of non-Federal experts, for an evaluation of the merits of the proposals made in the application. The Secretary may not approve such an application unless a peer review group has recommended the application for approval. The Secretary will award grants to applicants whose projects best promote the purposes of section 748 of the Act. The Secretary will take into consideration, among other factors:

(1) The degree to which the proposed project adequately provides for the project requirements set forth in § 57.3105;

(2) The administrative and management capability of the applicant to carry out the proposed project in a cost-effective manner;

(3) The qualifications of the proposed staff and faculty;

(4) The potential of the project to continue on a self-sustaining basis; and

(5) For faculty development programs, the applicant must demonstrate

the institution's commitment to general internal medicine and/or general pediatrics as defined under § 57.3102.

(b) In determining the funding of applications approved under paragraph (a) of this section, the Secretary shall give priority to applicants that demonstrate a commitment to general internal medicine and general pediatrics in their medical education training programs. However, should specific needs warrant, the Secretary will consider any other special factors relating to national needs as the Secretary may from time to time announce in the FEDERAL REGISTER.

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**§ 57.3107 How long does grant support last?**

(a) The notice of grant award specifies the length of time the Secretary intends to support the project without requiring the project to re compete for funds. This period, called the project period, will not exceed 5 years.

(b) Generally, the grant will initially be funded for 1 year, and subsequent continuation awards will also be for 1 year at a time. Decisions regarding continuation awards and the funding levels of these awards will be made after consideration of such factors as the grantee's progress and management practices, and the availability of funds. In all cases, continuation awards require a determination by the Secretary that continued funding is in the best interest of the Federal Government.

(c) Neither the approval of any application nor the award of any grant shall commit or obligate the United States in any way to make any additional, supplemental, continuation or other award with respect to any approved application or portion of an approved application. For continuation support, grantees must make separate application at such times and in such a form as the Secretary may prescribe.

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