

School of medicine or school of osteopathic medicine means a public or private nonprofit school which provides training leading, respectively, to a degree of doctor of medicine or a degree of doctor of osteopathic medicine, and which is accredited as provided in section 799(1)(E) of the Act.

Secretary means the Secretary of Health and Human Services, and any other officer or employee of the Department of Health and Human Services to whom the authority involved has been delegated.

State means, in addition to the several States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, the Republic of Palau, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and the Federated States of Micronesia.

Teaching hospital means a public or private nonprofit hospital which is:

(1) Accredited by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals or the American Osteopathic Association; and

(2) Operates at least one postdoctoral training program which is fully or provisionally accredited by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education or approved by the American Osteopathic Association.

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§ 57.4103 Who is eligible to apply for a grant?

Public or private nonprofit schools of medicine, schools of osteopathic medicine, teaching hospitals, and graduate medical education programs located in a State are eligible to apply for a grant under this subpart. Each eligible applicant desiring a grant under this subpart shall submit an application in the form and at such time as the Secretary may prescribe.

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§ 57.4104 For what projects may grant funds be requested?

Each eligible applicant must propose a fellowship program or a retraining program.

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§ 57.4105 Project requirements.

A project supported under this subpart must be conducted in accordance with the following requirements:

(a) The project must have a project director who is employed full time by the grantee institution;

(b) Projects must have an appropriate administrative and organizational plan, and adequate faculty, physical, and administrative resources for the achievement of stated objectives;

(c) Projects must systematically evaluate the training program, including the performance and competence of trainees and faculty, the administration of the program, and the degree to which program and educational objectives are met;

(d) The project must be under the programmatic control of a graduate medical education program in internal medicine or family medicine (including osteopathic general practice) or in a department of geriatrics or psychiatry;

(e) The project must be staffed by at least two physicians in full-time teaching positions who have experience or training in geriatric medicine or geriatric psychiatry and be staffed, or enter into an agreement with an institution staffed, by at least one dentist who is employed in a full- or part-time teaching position and has experience or training in geriatrics;

(f) The project must provide fellows with training in geriatrics and exposure to the physical and mental disabilities of a diverse population of elderly individuals. The population must include:

(1) Elderly in various levels of wellness from fully independent and well, to patients confined to bed with serious illness; and

(2) Elderly from a range of socioeconomic, racial and ethnic backgrounds;

(g) The project must provide medical and dental training experiences in:

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- (1) An ambulatory care setting;
- (2) An inpatient service; and
- (3) An extended care facility,

During the course of the training, each fellow must receive experience in primary care, consultation, and longitudinal care;

(h) Fellowship programs must have a curriculum which includes training in clinical geriatrics, teaching skills, administrative skills, and research skills for physicians and dentists;

(i) Retraining programs must provide 1 year of full-time training suited to the individual needs of each fellow. To assure that the needs of all fellows can be met, each retraining program must have the resources available to provide clinical, research, administrative, and teacher-training experience; and

(j) Effective in the second year of grant support, a minimum of three entering fellows, including at least one physician and one dentist, must be enrolled in each training program for which grant support is received. The Secretary may suspend this requirement if the Secretary determines that a grantee has made a good faith effort to comply with this requirement through the various recruitment means available in its institution and at the national level, and has met the other requirements stated in this section but is unable to have the required number of fellows in the program due to circumstances beyond its control.

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§57.4106 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 will best promote the purposes of section 777(b) of the Act and these regulations. The Secretary will consider, among other factors:

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(1) The extent to which the proposed training program will prepare physicians and dentists to perform the research, teaching, administrative and clinical duties of a faculty member specializing in geriatrics;

(2) The degree to which the project plan adequately provides for meeting the requirements set forth in §57.4105;

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

(4) The potential for the applicant to continue the program without Federal support after completion of the requested project period; and

(5) The extent to which the project will increase the number of geriatric fellowship and retraining positions available for individuals who want to prepare for academic careers in geriatric medicine, psychiatry, or dentistry.

(b) In determining the funding of applications approved under paragraph (a) of this section, the Secretary will consider any special factors relating to national needs as the Secretary may from time to time announce in the FEDERAL REGISTER.

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§57.4107 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, existence of legislative authority, 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