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education, training, technical assistance, or other activities that advance the field of adult education, adult or family literacy, including the training of volunteer literacy providers at the national, State, or local level.

(b) a Literacy Leader Fellow may not use a fellowship awarded under this part for any of the following:

(1) Tuition and fees for continuing the education of the applicant where this is the sole or primary purpose of the project.

(2) Planning and implementing fund-raisers

(3) General program operations and administration.

(4) Activities that otherwise do not meet the purposes of the Literacy Leader Fellowship program, as described in paragraph (a) of this section.

§ 1100.4 What regulations apply?

This program is governed by the regulations in this part and the following additional regulations:

34 CFR 74.36, Intangible property;

34 CFR 74.61, Termination

34 CFR 75.60, Individuals ineligible to receive assistance

34 CFR 75.61, Certification of eligibility

34 CFR part 85, Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension (Nonprocurement) and Governmentwide Requirements for Drug-Free Workplace (Grants).

§ 1100.5 What definitions apply?

(a) The definitions in 34 CFR 77.1, except that the definitions of “Applicant”; “Application”; “Award”; and “Project” do not apply to this part.

(b) Other definitions. The following definitions also apply to this part:

Adult learner means an individual over 16 years old who is pursuing or has completed some form of literacy or basic skills training, including preparation for the G.E.D.

Applicant means an individual (or more than one individual, if applying jointly) requesting a fellowship under this program.

Application means a written request for a fellowship under this program.

Award means an amount of funds provided for fellowship activities.

Board means the National Institute for Literacy’s Advisory Board established pursuant to section 242(e) of the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 (20 U.S.C. 9252(e)).

Director means the Director of the National Institute for Literacy.

Family literacy, for purposes of the Literacy Leader Fellowship Program, means any of the adult components of family literacy, as defined in sections 1202(e)(3)(A), (B), and (C) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, as amended (20 U.S.C. 6362(e)(3)(A), (B), and (C)), including interactive literacy activities between parents and their children, training for parents regarding how to be the primary teacher for their children and full partners in the education of their children, or parent literacy training that leads to economic self-sufficiency.

Fellow means a recipient of a fellowship.

Fellowship means an award of financial assistance made by the Institute to an individual pursuant to section 242(d) of the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 (20 U.S.C. 9252(d)) to enable that individual to conduct research or other authorized literacy activities under the auspices of the Institute.

Fellowship Agreement means a written agreement entered into between the Institute and a fellow, which, when executed, has the legal effect of obligating the fellowship award, and which states the rights and obligations of the parties.

Institute means the National Institute for Literacy.

Literacy worker means an individual who is pursuing a career in adult literacy or family literacy (as defined above) or a related field and who has a minimum of five years of relevant academic, volunteer or professional experience in the adult literacy, family literacy, adult education, or related field. Relevant experience includes teaching, policymaking, administration, or research.

Project means the work to be engaged in by the fellow during the period of the fellowship.

Research means one or more of the following activities in literacy or education or education related fields: basic

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and applied research, planning, surveys, assessments, evaluations, investigations, experiments, development and demonstrations.

§ 1100.6 What priorities may the Director establish?

The Director may, through a notice published in the FEDERAL REGISTER, select annually one or more priorities for funding. These priorities may be chosen from the areas of greatest immediate concern to the Institute and may include, but are not limited to, the following areas:

(a) *Developing leadership in adult learners.* Because adult learners are the true experts on literacy, they are an important resource for the field. Their firsthand experience as “customers” of the literacy system can be invaluable in assisting the field in moving forward, particularly in terms of raising public awareness and understanding about literacy.

(b) *Expanding the use of technology in literacy programs.* One of the Institute’s major projects is the Literacy Information aNd Communication System (LINCS), an Internet-based information system that provides timely information and abundant resources to the literacy community. Keeping the literacy community up to date in the Information Age is vital.

(c) *Improving accountability for literacy programs.* Literacy programs must develop accountability systems that demonstrate their effectiveness in helping adult learners contribute more fully in the workplace, family and community. There is growing interest in results-oriented literacy practice, especially as related to the Equipped for the Future (EFF) framework.

(d) *Raising public awareness about literacy.* The Institute is leading a national effort to raise public awareness that literacy is part of the solution to many social concerns, including health, welfare, the economy, and the well-being of children. Projects that enhance this effort will be given priority consideration.

Subpart B—How Does an Individual Apply for a Fellowship?

§ 1100.10 What categories of fellowships does the Institute award?

The Institute awards two categories of Literacy Leadership Fellowships:

- (a) Literacy Worker Fellowships; and
- (b) Adult Learner Fellowships.

§ 1100.11 How does an individual apply for a fellowship?

An individual shall apply to the Director for a fellowship award in response to an application notice published by the Director in the FEDERAL REGISTER. The application must describe a plan for one or more of the activities stated in § 1100.3 that the applicant proposes to conduct under the fellowship. The application must indicate which category of fellowship, as described in § 1100.10, most accurately describes the applicant. Applicants must also submit for letters for recommendation and certain forms, assurances and certifications, including the certification required under 34 CFR 75.61. For applicants who propose to conduct the fellowship project on a part-time basis while undertaking other paid employment, one of the four required letters of recommendation must be from the applicant’s employer, and must include a statement that the applicant’s workload will not exceed 100 percent of time.

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§ 1100.12 What applications are not evaluated for funding?

The Director does not evaluate an application if—

- (a) The applicant is not eligible under § 1100.2;
- (b) The applicant does not comply with all of the procedural rules that govern the submission of applications for Literacy Leader Fellowship funds;
- (c) The application does not contain the information required by the Institute;
- (d) The application proposes a project for which a fellow may not use the fellowship funds, as described in § 1100.3(b).