

(b) Eligibility

The Secretary may carry out any of the activities described in subsection (a) of this section directly or through grants to, or contracts or cooperative agreements with, Indian tribes, Indian organizations, State educational agencies, local educational agencies, institutions of higher education, including Indian institutions of higher education, and other public and private agencies and institutions.

(c) Coordination

Research activities supported under this section—

(1) shall be carried out in consultation with the Institute of Education Sciences to ensure that such activities are coordinated with and enhance the research and development activities supported by the Institute; and

(2) may include collaborative research activities that are jointly funded and carried out by the Office of Indian Education Programs and the Institute of Education Sciences.

(Pub. L. 89–10, title VII, §7131, as added Pub. L. 107–110, title VII, §701, Jan. 8, 2002, 115 Stat. 1923; amended Pub. L. 107–279, title IV, §404(d)(5)(E), (8), Nov. 5, 2002, 116 Stat. 1986.)

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 7451, Pub. L. 89–10, title VII, §7131, as added Pub. L. 103–382, title I, §101, Oct. 20, 1994, 108 Stat. 3729, authorized research, evaluation of activities, and dissemination of information. See section 6931 of this title.

AMENDMENTS

2002—Subsec. (c)(1). Pub. L. 107–279 substituted “Institute of Education Sciences” for “Office of Educational Research and Improvement” and “by the Institute” for “by the Office”.

Subsec. (c)(2). Pub. L. 107–279, §404(d)(5)(E), substituted “Institute of Education Sciences” for “Office of Educational Research and Improvement”.

§ 7452. In-service training for teachers of Indian children**(a) Grants authorized**

In addition to the grants authorized by section 7442(c) of this title, the Secretary may make grants to eligible consortia for the provision of high quality in-service training. The Secretary may make such a grant to—

(1) a consortium of a tribal college and an institution of higher education that awards a degree in education; or

(2) a consortium of—

(A) a tribal college;

(B) an institution of higher education that awards a degree in education; and

(C) one or more elementary schools or secondary schools operated by the Bureau of Indian Affairs, local educational agencies serving Indian children, or tribal educational agencies.

(b) Use of funds**(1) In-service training**

A consortium that receives a grant under subsection (a) of this section shall use the grant funds only to provide high quality in-service training to teachers, including teach-

ers who are not Indians, in schools of local educational agencies with substantial numbers of Indian children enrolled in their schools, in order to better meet the needs of those children.

(2) Components

The training described in paragraph (1) shall include such activities as preparing teachers to use the best available scientifically based research practices and learning strategies, and to make the most effective use of curricula and materials, to respond to the unique needs of Indian children in their classrooms.

(c) Preference for Indian applicants

In applying section 7473 of this title to this section, the Secretary shall give a preference to any consortium that includes one or more of the entities described in section 7473 of this title.

(Pub. L. 89–10, title VII, §7132, as added Pub. L. 107–110, title VII, §701, Jan. 8, 2002, 115 Stat. 1924.)

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 7452, Pub. L. 89–10, title VII, §7132, as added Pub. L. 103–382, title I, §101, Oct. 20, 1994, 108 Stat. 3729, related to research activities, prior to the general amendment of this subchapter by Pub. L. 107–110. See section 6932 of this title.

§ 7453. Fellowships for Indian students**(a) Fellowships****(1) Authority**

The Secretary is authorized to award fellowships to Indian students to enable such students to study in graduate and professional programs at institutions of higher education.

(2) Requirements

The fellowships described in paragraph (1) shall be awarded to Indian students to enable such students to pursue a course of study—

(A) of not more than 4 academic years; and

(B) that leads—

(i) toward a postbaccalaureate degree in medicine, clinical psychology, psychology, law, education, or a related field; or

(ii) to an undergraduate or graduate degree in engineering, business administration, natural resources, or a related field.

(b) Stipends

The Secretary shall pay to Indian students awarded fellowships under subsection (a) of this section such stipends (including allowances for subsistence of such students and dependents of such students) as the Secretary determines to be consistent with prevailing practices under comparable federally supported programs.

(c) Payments to institutions in lieu of tuition

The Secretary shall pay to the institution of higher education at which such a fellowship recipient is pursuing a course of study, in lieu of tuition charged to such recipient, such amounts as the Secretary may determine to be necessary to cover the cost of education provided to such recipient.

(d) Special rules**(1) In general**

If a fellowship awarded under subsection (a) of this section is vacated prior to the end of