

**§ 4901. Fellowship program for temporary service at United States missions abroad**

**(a) Establishment**

There is hereby established a fellowship program pursuant to which the Secretary of State will provide fellowships to United States citizens while they serve, for a period of between one and two years, in positions which would otherwise be held by foreign national employees at United States diplomatic or consular missions abroad.

**(b) Designation of fellowships**

Fellowships under this chapter shall be known as "Fascell Fellowships".

**(c) Purpose of fellowships**

Fellowships under this chapter shall be provided in order to allow the recipient (hereafter in this chapter referred to as a "Fellow") to serve on a short-term basis at a United States diplomatic or consular mission abroad in order to obtain first hand exposure to that country, including (as appropriate) independent study in that country's area studies or languages.

**(d) Individuals who may receive a fellowship**

To receive a fellowship under this chapter, an individual must be a United States citizen who is an undergraduate or graduate student, a teacher, scholar, or other academic, or an other individual, who has expertise in international affairs, foreign languages, or career and professional experience or interest in international affairs, and who has a working knowledge of the principal language of the country in which he or she would serve.

**(e) Women and members of minority groups**

In carrying out this section, the Secretary of State shall actively recruit women and members of minority groups.

(Pub. L. 99-399, title X, §1002, Aug. 27, 1986, 100 Stat. 893; Pub. L. 101-454, §9(b), Oct. 24, 1990, 104 Stat. 1065; Pub. L. 103-199, title III, §303, Dec. 17, 1993, 107 Stat. 2323.)

AMENDMENTS

1993—Pub. L. 103-199 substituted "abroad" for "in the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe" in section catchline.

1990—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 101-454, §9(b)(1), substituted "which would otherwise be" for "formerly" and "abroad" for "in the Soviet Union or Eastern European countries".

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 101-454, §9(b)(2), substituted "abroad" for "in the Soviet Union or an Eastern European country" and "that country's" for "Soviet or Eastern European".

Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 101-454, §9(b)(3), substituted "international affairs, foreign languages, or career and professional experience or interest in international affairs," for "Soviet or Eastern European area studies or languages".

SHORT TITLE OF 1990 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 101-454, §9(a), Oct. 24, 1990, 104 Stat. 1065, provided that: "This section [amending this section and sections 4902 and 4904 of this title, and enacting provisions set out as a note under section 4902 of this title] may be cited as the 'Fascell Fellowship Amendments Act of 1990'."

SHORT TITLE

Pub. L. 99-399, title X, §1001, Aug. 27, 1986, 100 Stat. 893, provided that: "This title [enacting this chapter] may be cited as the 'Fascell Fellowship Act'."

**§ 4902. Fellowship Board**

**(a) Establishment and function**

There is hereby established a Fellowship Board (hereafter in this chapter referred to as the "Board"), which shall select the individuals who will be eligible to serve as Fellows.

**(b) Membership**

The Board shall consist of 7 members as follows:

(1) A senior official of the Department of State (who shall be the chair of the Board), designated by the Secretary of State.

(2) An officer or employee of the Department of Commerce, designated by the Secretary of Commerce.

(3) Five academic specialists in international affairs or foreign languages, appointed by the Secretary of State (in consultation with the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives and the chairman and ranking minority<sup>1</sup> of the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate).

**(c) Meetings**

The Board shall meet at least once each year to select the individuals who will be eligible to serve as Fellows.

**(d) Compensation and per diem**

Members of the Board shall receive no compensation on account of their service on the Board, but while away from their homes or regular places of business in the performance of their duties under this chapter, may be allowed travel expenses, including per diem in lieu of subsistence, in the same manner as persons employed intermittently in the Government service are allowed expenses under section 5703 of title 5.

(Pub. L. 99-399, title X, §1003, Aug. 27, 1986, 100 Stat. 893; Pub. L. 101-454, §9(c)(1), Oct. 24, 1990, 104 Stat. 1066; Pub. L. 105-277, div. G, subdiv. A, title XIII, §1335(f), Oct. 21, 1998, 112 Stat. 2681-788.)

AMENDMENTS

1998—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 105-277, §1335(f)(1), substituted "7 members" for "9 members" in introductory provisions.

Subsec. (b)(3), (4). Pub. L. 105-277, §1335(f)(2)-(4), redesignated par. (4) as (3), substituted "Five" for "Six", and struck out former par. (3) which read as follows: "An officer or employee of the United States Information Agency, designated by the Director of that Agency."

1990—Subsec. (b)(4). Pub. L. 101-454 substituted "international affairs or foreign languages," for "Soviet or Eastern European area studies or languages,".

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1998 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 105-277 effective Oct. 1, 1999, see section 1301 of Pub. L. 105-277, set out as an Effective Date note under section 6531 of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1990 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 101-454, §9(c)(2), Oct. 24, 1990, 104 Stat. 1066, provided that: "The amendment made by paragraph (1) [amending this section] shall apply only to appointments to the Fascell Fellowship Board after the date of the enactment of this section [Oct. 24, 1990] and shall

<sup>1</sup> So in original. Probably should be followed by "member".