

ALLOCATION OF FELLOWSHIP

SEC. 103. The Commissioner shall, in consultation with the Advisory Council on Public Service Education, allocate fellowships under this title to institutions of higher education with programs approved under the provisions of section 104(a) for the use of individuals accepted for study a program in accordance with such standards and priorities as he shall prescribe by regulation.

APPROVAL OF PROGRAMS

SEC. 104. The Commissioner shall approve a graduate program of an institution of higher education for purposes of this title only upon application by the institution and only upon his finding—

(1) that such program will substantially further the objective of improving the quality of education of persons who are pursuing or intend to pursue a career in public service.

(2) that such program is of high quality and either is in effect or readily obtainable and

(3) that only persons who demonstrate a serious intent to pursue or to continue a career in public service will be accepted for study in the program.

In approving the application of institutions the Commissioner shall give preference to those which are carrying on or have arranged for internship programs for the benefit of persons pursuing fellowships under this part.

(b) The Commissioner is authorized to obtain the services of experts and consultants in accordance with section 3109 of title 5, United States Code, to advise him with respect to the making of grants and contracts and the approving of programs under this title. Experts and consultants employed pursuant to this subsection may be compensated or so employed at rates not in excess of \$100 per diem, including travel time, and may be allowed while away from their homes or regular places of business, travel expenses (including per diem in lieu of subsistence) as authorized by section 5703, of title 5, United States Code, for persons in Government service employed intermittently.

STIPENDS

SEC. 105. (a) Each person awarded a fellowship under this title shall receive a stipend of \$2,500 for the first academic year of study, and \$3,000 for the second such year, plus an additional amount of \$600 for each such year on account of each of his dependents. Where a person awarded a fellowship under this title for study at an institution of higher education pursues his studies as a regularly enrolled student at such institution during periods outside of the regular sessions of the graduate program of the institution, the Commissioner may make appropriate adjustments in his stipends and allowances for dependents.

(b) In addition to amounts paid to persons pursuant to subsection (a) there shall be paid to the institution of higher education at which each such person is pursuing his course of study \$2,500 per academic year, less any amount charged such person for tuition and nonrefundable fees and deposits.

(c) In addition to the amounts paid pursuant to subsections (a) and (b) of this section, the Commissioner may pay to institutions of higher education which carry on or arrange internship programs at the State, local or regional level of government for the benefit of persons pursuing fellowships under this part an amount up to \$100 per week, for a period not to exceed ten weeks during each year of fellowship study, for each fellowship holder who participates in such an internship program. Such amounts shall be used to defray any salary paid to fellowship holders participating in an intership program by the participating State, local or regional governmental agency.

LIMITATION

SEC. 106. (a) No fellowships shall be awarded under this title for study at a school or department of divinity. For purposes of this section the term "school or department of divinity" means an institution or department or branch of an institution whose program is specifically for the education of students to prepare them to become ministers of religion or to enter upon some other religious vocation or to prepare them to teach theological subjects.