



An association of 62 leading public and private research universities

INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS

AAU URGES CONGRESS TO PROVIDE AT LEAST \$75.7 MILLION FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION'S INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION AND FOREIGN LANGUAGE PROGRAMS IN FY13

The Department of Education's Title VI/Fulbright-Hays programs are the federal government's most comprehensive programs for developing national capacity in international and foreign language education. These programs help educate the individuals whose abilities help ensure the successful international engagement of the U.S. education, government, and business sectors.

The funding cuts made to the programs in FY11 and FY12 have weakened our nation's international education capacity, which was built over several decades. Universities have been forced to eliminate: international programs, less commonly taught language classes, and other foreign language and area studies opportunities for students, such as graduate fellowships. Funding for six of the 14 Title VI/Fulbright-Hays programs has been eliminated. Further erosion of these programs will have an adverse long-term impact on our national security, global leadership, and economic competitiveness.

PRESERVE THE FOREIGN LANGUAGE AND INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION PIPELINE

AAU urges Congress to provide at least \$75.7 million for Title VI/ Fulbright-Hays programs in FY13 to meet the nation's need for a steady supply of graduates with expertise in less commonly taught languages, world areas, and translational needs. Within this total, AAU urges Congress to appropriate \$68.3 million for Title VI-Parts A&B programs and \$7.5 million for the Fulbright-Hays Program. (The Institute for International Public Policy was eliminated in FY12.) While the Administration's FY13 budget would increase funding for domestic programs in the Undergraduate International Studies and Foreign Language Program, we remain concerned about the future of the major center programs and Fulbright-Hays programs.

The largest center programs, National Resource Centers (NRC) and Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowships, provide students from around the country with opportunities for intensive study of world areas and foreign languages, particularly less commonly taught languages from regions of strategic importance to the nation. The NRC program provides grants to universities to establish, strengthen, and operate undergraduate centers that are national resources for: Critical foreign languages and foreign area and internal studies experts, especially the less and least commonly taught languages; Disciplinary instruction to provide a thorough understanding of areas where these languages are used; Internationalizing professional programs, including language study; Center-related research and dissemination; and Curricular and instructional materials for K-16 educators.

Twenty-eight (28) AAU universities operate at least one Title VI National Resource Center.

- March 2012

- Brandeis University
- Brown University
- California Institute of Technology
- Carnegie Mellon University
- Case Western Reserve University
- Columbia University
- Cornell University
- Duke University
- Emory University
- Georgia Institute of Technology
- Harvard University
- Indiana University
- Iowa State University
- The Johns Hopkins University
- Massachusetts Institute of Technology
- McGill University
- Michigan State University
- New York University
- Northwestern University
- The Ohio State University
- The Pennsylvania State University
- Princeton University
- Purdue University
- Rice University
- Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey
- Stanford University
- Stony Brook University - State University of New York
- Syracuse University
- Texas A&M University
- Tulane University
- The University of Arizona
- University at Buffalo, The State University of New York
- University of California, Berkeley
- University of California, Davis
- University of California, Irvine
- University of California, Los Angeles
- University of California, San Diego
- University of California, Santa Barbara
- The University of Chicago
- University of Colorado at Boulder
- University of Florida
- University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
- The University of Iowa
- The University of Kansas
- University of Maryland, College Park
- University of Michigan
- University of Minnesota, Twin Cities
- University of Missouri-Columbia
- The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
- University of Oregon
- University of Pennsylvania
- University of Pittsburgh
- University of Rochester
- University of Southern California
- The University of Texas at Austin
- University of Toronto
- University of Virginia
- University of Washington
- The University of Wisconsin-Madison
- Vanderbilt University
- Washington University in St. Louis
- Yale University