Don't Qualify for a Bailout? Jump Start Your IB Program with a Federal *Grant!*

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Why write a grant?

- You're dedicated to international business education
- You want to do something innovative
- You can generate excitement with your colleagues
- Your school doesn't have any money for you
- It's fun

Federal Grants for IB Education

- Fund for Improvement of Post-Secondary Education (FIPSE) http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ope/fipse/index.html
- National Security Education Program (NSEP) http://www.usajobs.gov/El62.asp
- US Department of Education
 - O Fulbright-Hays http://www.ed.gov/programs/iegpsfra/index.html
 - Title VI http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ope/iegps/titlesix.html

- BIE history
 - 1983-2009: 26 consecutive years
 - ○600 grants
 - ○10,000 applicants
 - OFY 06 \$4.4 mil
 - OFY 07 \$4.3 mil
 - OFY 08 \$4.1 mil

- Grants for ≤ 2 years
- Two- and four-year colleges / univs (IHEs)
- ~ 100 applicants for ~ 20 new grants/year;
 - ~ 20 community colleges apply, ~ 5 awards/year
- Range \$50,000-110,000 year
 - OAverage \$81,000/year

- Higher Education Act of 1965 (HEA), as amended, Title VI, Part B, Sec. 613
- Congress' intent: "To promote education and training that will contribute to the ability of United States business to prosper in an international economy."
- To award grants to IHEs
 - "to improve the academic teaching of the business curriculum and
 - "to conduct outreach activities that expand the capacity of the business community to engage in international economic activities."

Eligible IHEs

- Agreement with Chamber of Commerce, trade association, or business DBI
- Match funds one-to-one in cash or in kind

Peer reviewers' criteria

- Three grant criteria (students faculty outreach)
- Extent of need
- Plan of operation
- Quality of management plan
- 4. Budget and cost effectiveness
- Plan of evaluation
- 6. Adequacy of resources

The three Components of BIE Grants, and examples of activities

GRANT COMPONENTS	ACTIVITY	COUNTRY/ REGION	INDUSTRY
Students (curriculum)	Supply chain management certificate; Research exports for companies; Less-common language proficiency	China; India; Mexico	Wine; Energy; Agriculture
Faculty	Produce teaching cases on doing business in; Train to teach Int'l Finance		
Outreach to Local Companies	Increase exports of; to; Conduct trade missions to		

How to start writing a grant

- Do your homework
 - Read grants
 - Visit grantees
 - Oknow grantor's priorities
 - Choose a few big objectives
 - Analyze your local situation
 - Be innovative
 - Brainstorm with others
 - Ask for help

- Plan ahead
 - Spring: Get last year's application
 - Summer: Start working four months before deadline
 - Learn your school's grants rules
 - Identify
 - Objectives, responsible units, resources, timing, deliverables
 - Personnel, consultants
 - Budget
 - Time line and activities

- Write!
 - OGet someone to critique it
 - Write it again
 - Oet your school's signatures
 - Submit it *before* the deadline!

What's in it for your school?

- A jump start
- A trial balloon for international business education activities
- Flexibility
- Autonomy

What's in it for you? (as PI/Director)

- Some summer pay
- Recognition for promotion and tenure
- Flexibility (and autonomy)
- Network with other BIE directors

Dates to remember

- BIE Deadline: Early November
- Reviews: December January
- Notification: May
- Implementation:
 - Year 1: July 1 2010 June 30 2011
 - Year 2: July 1 2011 June 30, 2012

Key dates

- For the 2010-2012 cycle:
 - November 2009: Submit proposal
 - May 2010: Funding notification
 - OJuly 1 2010: Funding starts
 - April 30 2011: Spring Year 1 report:
 - March-May 2011: Year 1 external evaluation
 - August 31 2011: Fall Year 1 report
 - April-August 2012: Final external evaluation
 - September 30 2012: Final Year 2 report:
- BIE Director's Conference
 - October 2010
 - October 2011

Find out more

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- US Department of Education BIE Program http://www.ed.gov/programs/iegpsbie/index.html
- <u>Federal Register</u> to access Requests For Proposals (RFPs) by Federal Agency
 <u>http://www.access.gpo.gov/su_docs/aces/fr-cont.html</u>
- Get Started Steps to register to submit a Federal grant http://www.grants.gov/applicants/get_registered.jsp

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