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ANNUAL COMPETITION FOR OVERSEAS STUDY OPENS AT UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA

MISSOULA --

The official opening of the 1972-73 competition for grants for graduate study or research abroad, and for professional training in the creative and performing arts was announced today through the University of Montana by the Institute of International Education (IIE).

Candidates must be U.S. citizens at the time of application, have a bachelor's degree or its equivalent before the beginning date of the grant and, in most cases, be proficient in the language of the host country. Except for certain specific awards, applicants may not hold or expect to receive the Ph.D. before the beginning of the grant.

Application forms and information for students currently enrolled at the and others may be obtained from Dr. Thomas Huff, Fulbright Program Adviser, Department of Philosophy, University of Montana, Missoula, Mont. 59801. The deadline for filing applications through the Fulbright Program Adviser at UM is October 8, 1971.

Annually, IIE is responsible for the recruitments and screening of candidates for U.S. Government Full and Travel Grants authorized under the Fulbright-Hays Act.

For 1972-73, full grants are available to 29 countries and travel grants are available to 12 countries. Grants offered by governments, universities and private donors of 14 countries are also administered by IIE. Grants are available to every region of the world.

These awards are designed to promote mutual understanding between the people of the U.S. and other countries through the exchange of persons, knowledge and skills. It is expected that there will be at least 600 awards available for 1972-73.

Selection is based on the academic or professional record, or both, of the applicant, the feasibility of his proposed study plan, his language preparation and personal qualifications.

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Preference is given to candidates between the ages of 20 and 35 and to those who have not had prior opportunity for extended study or residence abroad, with the exception of those who have served in the armed forces.

Creative and performing artists are not required to have a bachelor's degree, but they must have four years of professional study or equivalent experience. Applicants in social work must have at least two years of professional experience after the Master of Social Work degree. Applicants in the field of medicine must have an M.D. at the time of application.