

CHAPTER 17

MINORITY ACADEMIC CAREER PROGRAM

Authority

N.J.S.A. 18A:72F-1 et seq., 18A:72F-4 and 18A:72F-11.

Source and Effective Date

R.2011 d.028, effective January 18, 2011.
See: 42 N.J.R. 1961(a), 43 N.J.R. 186(d).

Chapter Expiration Date

Chapter 17, Minority Academic Career Program, expires on January 18, 2016.

Chapter Historical Note

Chapter 17, Minority Academic Career Program, was adopted as R.2000 d.162, effective April 17, 2000. See: 32 N.J.R. 429(a), 32 N.J.R. 1418(b).

Chapter 17, Minority Academic Career Program, was readopted as R.2005 d.276, effective July 22, 2005. See: 37 N.J.R. 718(a), 37 N.J.R. 3039(a).

Chapter 17, Minority Academic Career Program, expired on July 22, 2010, and was adopted as new rules by R.2011 d.028, effective January 18, 2011. See: Source and Effective Date. See, also, section annotations.

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SUBCHAPTER 1. INTRODUCTION

9A:17-1.1 Authority and purpose

(a) The Commission on Higher Education is charged with implementing Campus Assistance Grants, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:72F-1 et seq. This program has been modified to meet the fiscal requirements of the FY 2011 Appropriations Act and to preserve the broad purpose of providing assistance to disadvantaged doctoral candidates.

(b) N.J.S.A. 18A:72F-4 phases out the Minority Faculty Advancement Loan and Loan Redemption Program and provides for its administration until program participants exhaust their eligibility.

(c) N.J.S.A. 18A:72F-11 assigns to the Commission on Higher Education responsibility for rulemaking to implement N.J.S.A. 18A:72F-1 et seq. except for the loan and loan redemption provisions that are being phased out.

Amended by R.2005 d.276, effective August 15, 2005.
See: 37 N.J.R. 718(a), 37 N.J.R. 3039(a).

Rewrote introductory paragraph of (a), and deleted (b).
Amended by R.2011 d.028, effective January 18, 2011.
See: 42 N.J.R. 1961(a), 43 N.J.R. 186(d).

Rewrote (a); and recodified (a)1 and (a)2 as (b) and (c).

9A:17-1.2 Definitions

The following words and terms, when used in this chapter, shall have the following meanings, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

“Beneficiary” means an individual hired by an eligible institution pursuant to the incentive hiring grant provisions of the Minority Faculty Advancement Program Act (N.J.S.A. 18A:72F-4).

“Campus assistance grant” means State funding to a host institution to provide assistance for doctoral fellows and to participants in the prior MAC program under the Minority Faculty Advancement Program (N.J.S.A. 18A:72F-1 et seq.).

“Commission” means the New Jersey Commission on Higher Education, created pursuant to chapter 3B of Title 18A of the New Jersey Statutes.

“Doctoral fellow” means an individual who has been accepted by the Executive Director after July 1, 1999 to receive a doctoral study fellowship and related support services pursuant to the campus assistance grant provisions of the Minority Faculty Advancement Program Act.

“Eligible institution” means a public institution of higher education or a private institution with a public purpose as defined in the Independent College and University Assistance Act (N.J.S.A. 18A:72B-15 et seq.) that elects to participate in the incentive hiring grant component of the Minority Faculty Advancement Program.

“Eligible student loan” means any loan received by a beneficiary for purposes of pursuing collegiate study at the undergraduate or graduate level.

“Executive Director” means the Executive Director of the New Jersey Commission on Higher Education.

“Faculty member” means any person employed full-time by a New Jersey institution of higher education to perform primarily teaching, research, or administrative duties.

“Faculty mentor” means any person employed full-time by a New Jersey institution of higher education to perform primarily teaching or research duties who agrees to participate in the Minority Faculty Advancement Program and abide by all terms and conditions of such participation as set forth in this chapter.

“Full-time student” means one who, in a semester, quarter, or the equivalent thereof, is engaged in coursework or research necessary to constitute full-time status as defined by the host institution, in the case of MAC doctoral fellows and prior MAC program participants.

“Higher Education Student Assistance Authority” means that entity created pursuant to Subtitle 12A of Title 18A of the New Jersey Statutes and responsible for continuing to administer the loan and loan redemption components of the phased-out Minority Faculty Advancement Loan and Loan Redemption program.

“Host institution” means a public institution of higher education or a private institution with a public purpose as defined in the Independent College and University Assistance Act (N.J.S.A. 18A:72B-15 et seq.) which has authority under the laws of New Jersey to award doctoral degrees and which enters into an agreement with the Commission, under the Minority Faculty Advancement Program, to provide institutional support for graduate MAC fellows pursuing doctorates in eligible disciplines and to disburse State campus assistance grants as set forth in this chapter.

“Incentive hiring grant” means State funding to reimburse a participating institution for moneys the institution expended to redeem student loans for employees hired pursuant to the incentive hiring grant provisions of the Minority Faculty Advancement Program Act (N.J.S.A. 18A:72F-4).

“Minority Academic Career (MAC) Program” encompasses the Minority Faculty Advancement Program (N.J.S.A. 18A:72F-1 through 4 and 18A:72F-10 through 13).

“Prior MAC program” means the Minority Faculty Advancement Loan and Loan Redemption Program, which is phased out under N.J.S.A. 18A:72F-1 et seq.

“Prior (MAC) program participant” means an individual who was actively participating in the prior MAC program before July 1, 1999 by virtue of having received under that program during the 1998-99 academic year either support to attend professional meetings in his or her field or a minority faculty advancement loan.

Amended by R.2005 d.276, effective August 15, 2005.
See: 37 N.J.R. 718(a), 37 N.J.R. 3039(a).

Deleted “Eligible discipline” and “Minority” definitions; substituted “et seq.” for “et al” in “Eligible institution”, “Host institution”, and “Sponsoring institution” definitions.

Amended by R.2011 d.028, effective January 18, 2011.
See: 42 N.J.R. 1961(a), 43 N.J.R. 186(d).

In definition “Faculty mentor”, deleted “or the Minority Undergraduate Fellowship Program” following “Advancement Program”; in definition “Full-time student”, deleted “, or the sponsoring institution, in the case of MAC undergraduate fellows” following “participants”; in

definition “Minority Academic Career (MAC) Program”, deleted “and the Minority Undergraduate Fellowship Program (N.J.S.A. 18A:72M-1 et seq.)” following “through 13”); and deleted definitions “MAC Program Advisory Committee”, “Sponsoring institution” and “Undergraduate fellow”.

9A:17-1.3 (Reserved)

9A:17-1.4 Administration of prior MAC program

(a) As stipulated in N.J.S.A. 18A:72F-4, the Higher Education Student Assistance Authority shall administer the loan and loan redemption components of the prior MAC program; the Authority’s rules in this regard are at N.J.A.C. 9A:8-3.

(b) The Commission shall provide support other than loans, as indicated in N.J.S.A. 18A:72F-4, for prior MAC program participants, as specified in N.J.A.C. 9A:17-2.

SUBCHAPTER 2. CAMPUS ASSISTANCE GRANTS

9A:17-2.1 Establishment of doctoral fellowship program

(a) Except as provided for in (d) below, campus assistance grants shall support MAC doctoral fellowships, of which there are two types, study fellowships and dissertation fellowships.

(b) The MAC doctoral study fellowship shall total up to \$20,000 per year for up to three consecutive years, as follows:

1. Up to \$17,000 for a stipend, the total amount of which when combined with the institutional contribution specified at N.J.A.C. 9A:17-2.4(a)3 shall not exceed the cost of attendance as determined by the host institution;

2. \$1,000 for mentoring services for each fellow; and

3. Up to \$2,000 for a MAC doctoral study fellow and his or her mentor to attend a national conference or to pursue other appropriate professional development activities, as specified in the agreement between the Commission and the host institution.

(c) Renewal of a doctoral study fellowship shall be contingent upon the fellow’s compliance with the requirements set forth at N.J.A.C. 9A:17-2.4.

(d) A MAC doctoral dissertation fellowship of up to \$20,000, as specified in (a) above, may be awarded for one additional year; only MAC doctoral study fellows who have successfully defended their dissertation proposals and received permission from their dissertation committees to proceed are eligible to be nominated for this award.

(e) Except as specified otherwise in this subchapter, the rules in this subchapter apply only to MAC doctoral fellows.

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See: 42 N.J.R. 1961(a), 43 N.J.R. 186(d).

In (a), deleted “and in N.J.A.C. 9A:17-2.7”, following “below”; and in (c), updated the N.J.A.C. reference.