

2018 Current Fiscal Year Report: Advisory Committee for the Study of Eastern Europe and the Independent States of the Former Soviet Union

Report Run Date: 06/16/2019 02:33:38 PM

1. Department or Agency	2. Fiscal Year
Department of State	2018
3. Committee or Subcommittee	3b. GSA Committee No.
Advisory Committee for the Study of Eastern Europe and the Independent States of the Former Soviet Union	669

4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?	5. Current Charter	6. Expected Renewal Date	7. Expected Term Date
No	04/03/2017	04/03/2019	

8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?	8b. Specific Termination Authority	8c. Actual Term Date
No	P.L. 98-164, 97 Stat.1047-50 as amended	

9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year	10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?	10b. Legislation Pending?
Continue	Yes	Not Applicable

11. Establishment Authority	Statutory (Congress Created)		
12. Specific Establishment Authority	13. Effective Date	14. Committee Type	14c. Presidential?
P.L. 98-164,97 Stat.1047-50 as amended	11/21/1983	Continuing	No

15. Description of Committee Grant Review Committee

16a. Total Number of Reports No Reports for this Fiscal Year

17a. Open Meetings and Dates 1 **17b. Closed Meetings and Dates** 0 **17c. Partially Closed Meetings and Dates** 0 **Other Activities** 0 **17d. Total Meetings and Dates** 1

Purpose	Start	End
The purpose of this meeting was to announce to the public the Advisory Committee's recommendations for awards. The INR Assistant Secretary approved the Committee's recommendations on 8/29/18.	09/05/2018	09/05/2018

Number of Committee Meetings Listed: 1

	Current FY	Next FY
18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff	\$9,282.00	\$9,468.00

18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$500.00
18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members	\$500.00	\$0.00
18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)	\$0.00	\$500.00
18d. Total	\$9,782.00	\$10,468.00
19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	0.03	0.03

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

The purpose of the committee is to make funding and policy recommendations to the Assistant Secretary of State which will result in a balanced program of research and training in the US on the countries of Eastern Europe and the independent states of the former Soviet Union. The recommendations enable the U.S. to have a direct impact on and first-hand knowledge of the processes of political, economic, and social change in these countries. Recently returned from pursuing on-site research with Title VIII support, scholars regularly brief government analysts and policy makers on their experiences. Traveling frequently to the countries of Eastern Europe and Eurasia, independent scholars often have established contacts there different from those of Embassy officials. The Department benefits quickly and directly from this access and the on-the-ground perspectives these scholars offer. Title VIII scholars present at Analytic Exchanges held at the State Department on policy relevant issues concerning Eurasia and Central and Eastern Europe, and the Program Office disseminates their completed research throughout the federal interagency and intelligence community.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

The advisory committee, which is chaired by the Director for Analytic Outreach for the Secretary of State, is comprised of six members, each with a single vote. Majority vote rules in all committee deliberations. The committee is legislatively-mandated to include four Federal Agencies and two private umbrella organizations active in the Russian, Eurasian and East and Central European fields and the U.S. academic community. Since its establishment in FY 1983, all recommendations offered by the committee to the Secretary or Assistant Secretary have been accepted.

20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?

The advisory committee meets at least once a year to publicly review applications received in the national competition and to make recommendations to the Deputy Secretary of State regarding grant recipients and levels of awards.

20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?

Members of the advisory committee represent federal agencies and organizations, which are actively involved in following and analyzing events in the countries of Eurasia and East and Central Europe. Since the committee includes public and private members, it serves the interests of policy makers and scholars in the private sector that focus on the countries of the region. The public-private composition of the committee ensures that the mandate for a balanced national research and training program is met, addressing the interests of the academic, business, and nongovernmental communities, as well as U.S. policy makers.

20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?

Application review meetings are closed to protect PII. The Committee holds an annual public meeting that is open to the public and announced in the Federal Register 30 days in advance, with instructions for public attendance.

21. Remarks

The Advisory Committee shall recommend grant policies for the advancement of the objectives of Title VIII. In proposing recipients for grants under Title VIII, the Advisory Committee shall give the highest priority to national organizations with an interest and expertise in conducting research and training concerning the countries of the former Soviet Union and Eastern Europe and in disseminating the results of such research. In making its recommendations, the Advisory Committee shall aim for the development of a stable, long-term research and training program. The duties of the Advisory Committee shall be advisory only. Advisory Committee members serve until they are replaced or they withdraw from their position on the Committee.

Designated Federal Officer

Sidni Dechaine Designated Federal Officer

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Duval, Timothy	10/01/2015	09/30/2019	Department of Education	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Goodrich, Malinda	10/01/2015	09/30/2019	Library of Congress	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Kuchta-Helbling, Catherine	10/01/2015	09/30/2019	Director Association for Slavic, East European, Eurasian Studies	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Park, Lynda	10/01/2015	09/30/2019	Association for Slavic, East European, Eurasian Studies	Representative Member
Schreiber, William	06/01/2018	09/30/2019	Department of Defense	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Scott, Amy	10/01/2015	09/30/2019	Association of American Universities	Representative Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 6

Narrative Description

The purpose of the Title VIII advisory committee is to make funding recommendations to the Assistant Secretary of State for Intelligence and Research, which will sustain a balanced program of research and training in the U.S. on the countries of Eastern Europe and the independent states of the former Soviet Union. In 2018, the committee met this goal by reviewing 9 grant applications submitted under the 2018 Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for the Program for Study of Eastern Europe and the Independent States of the Former Soviet Union (Title VIII). After careful review and public deliberation, the committee recommended to the Assistant Secretary of State eight (8) national organizations and universities in the Russian, Eurasian and East and Central European fields to receive grants for advanced graduate and language training and postdoctoral research on the countries of the former Soviet Union and Eastern Europe. In August 2018,, the Assistant Secretary accepted those recommendations without revision. Active Title VIII grants currently support almost 200 graduate students and scholars throughout the U.S., expanding the body of knowledge about those countries and strengthening the pool of expertise available for service to the USG. The advisory committee's recommendations enable the U.S. to have a direct impact on and first-hand knowledge of the processes of political, economic, and social change in these countries. As a direct result of Title VIII funding, U.S. scholars are able to conduct field research and in-country language training. These scholars regularly brief government analysts and policy makers on their research products and in-country experiences. Title VIII scholars frequently travel to the countries of Eastern Europe and Eurasia and obtain a fresh, on-the-ground, perspective that they can share with analysts and policy-makers from the Dept. of State and the interagency.

What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

- Improvements to health or safety
- Trust in government
- Major policy changes
- Advance in scientific research
- Effective grant making
- Improved service delivery
- Increased customer satisfaction
- Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements
- Other

Outcome Comments

NA

What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

- None
- Unable to Determine
- Under \$100,000
- \$100,000 - \$500,000
- \$500,001 - \$1,000,000
- \$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000
- \$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000
- Over \$10,000,000
- Cost Savings Other

Cost Savings Comments

NA

What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?

271

Number of Recommendations Comments

Each year the advisory committee reviews an average of 10-15 grant proposals. This reporting year the committee reviewed 9 proposals. The advisory committee reviews all submitted proposals and subsequently makes recommendations to the Assistant Secretary of State for Intelligence and Research. Since 1985, the advisory committee has made over 250 recommendations.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency?

100%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

NA

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Partially implemented by the agency?

0%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments

NA

Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?

Yes No Not Applicable

Agency Feedback Comments

The Bureau of Intelligence and Research provides the advisory committee with feedback regarding the Assistant Secretary of State's disposition towards the committee's recommendations.

What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?

Checked if Applies

- Reorganized Priorities
- Reallocated resources
- Issued new regulation
- Proposed legislation
- Approved grants or other payments
- Other

Action Comments

Approves annual request for proposals, which includes priority regions and themes.

Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?

Yes

- What is the estimated **Number** of grants reviewed for approval 9
- What is the estimated **Number** of grants recommended for approval 8
- What is the estimated **Dollar Value** of grants recommended for approval \$1,991,496

Grant Review Comments

The Committee recommended eight organizations for an award. There were no new recipients.

How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?

Checked if Applies

- Contact DFO
- Online Agency Web Site

Online Committee Web Site



Online GSA FACA Web Site



Publications



Other



Access Comments

The annual Notification of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) announcement is published on <http://grants.gov> and <https://mygrants.service-now.com/grants/>. The advisory committee's annual public meeting is published in the Federal Register.