

**DIVERSIFYING HIGHER EDUCATION FACULTY IN ILLINOIS PROGRAM
FISCAL YEAR 2014 GRANT ALLOCATION**

Submitted for: Action

Summary: This item recommends the allocation of anticipated fiscal year 2014 appropriation for grants authorized by the Diversifying Higher Education Faculty in Illinois Program (DFI). The DFI Program provides financial assistance to underrepresented students pursuing graduate and professional degrees at Illinois public and private institutions.

The DFI Program supports the goals of the *Illinois Public Agenda for College and Career Success*. The \$1.64 million will support approximately 125 DFI awards in fiscal year 2014, including awards for 62 continuing and 63 new recipients. In the event of DFI Program funding reductions, the award amounts to new recipients will be adjusted to meet the level of available funds.

Action Required: The Illinois Board of Higher Education hereby authorizes the Executive Director to allocate the fiscal year 2014 appropriation for grants authorized by the Diversifying Higher Education Faculty in Illinois Act and recommended by the DFI Program Board

STATE OF ILLINOIS
BOARD OF HIGHER EDUCATION

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The Diversifying Higher Education Faculty in Illinois Program (DFI) provides financial awards to eligible underrepresented students pursuing graduate and professional degrees at Illinois public and private institutions of higher education. As a condition of the award, recipients agree to accept a teaching or staff position in an Illinois higher education institution or governing board, or an education-related position in a state agency, equal to the number of years the student was a participant in the program. The DFI Act authorized the Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE) to appoint a 21-member board to establish policies and procedures to administer the program. The IBHE also provides the DFI program leadership and administrative program support.

The application process for fiscal year 2014 was opened to students in November of 2012. There were a total of 284 application requests for this year. In May of 2013, the DFI Board approved recommendations for fiscal year 2014 funding of approximately \$1.64 million for the DFI fellowship awards. The DFI Board recommends funding for 125 DFI fellows. The distribution of fellowships awarded is for 62 continuing students at \$15,000 and 63 new students at \$10,500. Table 1 lists the distribution of students and the participating institutions.

The staff recommends adoption of the following resolution:

The Illinois Board of Higher Education hereby authorizes the Executive Director to allocate the fiscal year 2014 appropriation for the DFI institutional grant awards (see Table 1) as specified by the statute and recommended by the DFI Program Board.

TABLE 1
Diversifying Higher Education Faculty in Illinois Act
Distribution of Fiscal Year 2014 Awards
Pending Fellow Acceptance

<u>Institution</u>	<u>New</u>	<u>Renewal</u>	<u>Total</u>
Argosy University Chicago Campus	1	2	3
Chicago State University	2	1	3
DePaul University	2	4	6
Illinois Institute of Technology	2	1	3
Illinois State University	1	3	4
Loyola University of Chicago	5	1	6
Midwestern University	1	0	1
National-Louis University	3	0	3
Northeastern Illinois University	4	2	6
Northern Illinois University	2	4	6
Northwestern University	1	2	3
Roosevelt University	1	0	1
Rush University	1	0	1
School of the Art Institute of Chicago	2	0	2
Southern Illinois University Carbondale	5	2	7
University of Illinois at Chicago	15	19	34
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign	12	16	28
University of Chicago	3	5	8
Totals	63	62	125