

The Department of Education's
Experimental Sites Initiative
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Federal Work-Study (FWS) Experiment

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Welcome to the FWS Experiment



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Responsibilities of Institutional Offices

Administrative Capability
- 668.16(b)(1) and (4)



FWS Experiment Objectives

Potential Impacts

- Increase partnerships between institutions and industry
- Improve student retention and completion
- Reduce student debt levels
- Yield strong post-graduation employment outcomes

FWS Experiment Objectives

Test the following four changes:

- Remove limits on FWS funds for private-sector employment
- Increase hours worked for work-based learning programs
- Reduce the institutional share (match) of wages for private-sector employment
- Pay low-income students for work experiences required by their program (student teaching and clinical rotations)

FWS Experiment Objectives

The Department is interested in using the FWS Experiment to:

- Stimulate, create, and strengthen employer-institution partnerships in private sector employment
- Engage employers in curriculum development and program evaluation
- Expand the number and kinds of off-campus job opportunities
- Increase the number of formal work-based learning opportunities (such as apprenticeships)

FWS Experiment Objectives

The Department seeks to understand how FWS employment opportunities:

- Align with the academic program or career goals of the student participants, including among students in liberal arts or humanitarian programs that may use FWS to explore potential career options

Waivers

Current Rules	Experiment
<p>34 CFR 675 Restricts students in FWS programs to part-time employment</p>	<p>Enables full-time employment opportunities related to student's academic program (apprenticeships, clinical rotations or student teaching)</p>
<p>34 CFR 675.23 Limits the amount of an institution's FWS allocation and reallocation for an award year to pay the compensation of FWS students employed by a private for-profit organization to 25 percent</p>	<p>Allows schools to use 100 percent of FWS allocation and reallocation for employment in private for-profit organizations</p>

Waivers

Current Rules	Experiment
<p>34 CFR 675.26(a)(3) Limits the Federal share of the compensation to a student employed by a private for-profit organization to 25 percent</p>	<p>Increases the Federal share of compensation for employment in private for-profit organizations to 75 percent (same as non-profit or community service employment)</p>
<p>34 CFR 675.32 Caps the amount of an institution's FWS allocation to support a JLD Program at the lesser of \$75,000 or 10 percent</p>	<p>Allows total FWS allocation to support JLD program</p>
<p>34 CFR 675.18(g) Seven percent Community Service requirement</p>	<p>Waives the seven percent Community Service requirement</p>

Waivers

Current Rules

HEA section 442(a)(4)(A) and (B)

Permits the Secretary to allocate to eligible institutions up to 10 percent of the amount appropriated for FWS in excess of 700 million in any fiscal year

Experiment

Permits additional FWS funding allocation to institutions participating in the experiment

Application and Selection Process

- Must apply by September 23, 2019
- Follow instructions in Federal Register Notice dated May 23, 2019
- Create a pdf file on institutional letterhead signed by the president or chancellor to include the following:
 - Institution's OPE ID number
 - Name of a contact person for the experiment, including mailing address, email address, and telephone number
 - Offices or departments that will participate in the experiment
 - Role of each office

Application and Selection Process

The Secretary will consider the following:

1. Evidence that demonstrates a strong record in Title IV administration
2. Evidence that demonstrates strong standards of financial responsibility
3. **The percentage of students enrolled at the institution who are Pell eligible or FWS eligible**

Application and Selection Process

The Secretary will consider the following:

4. **The types of private-sector job opportunities, work-and-learn programs, or required externships or student teaching experiences -**
 - **How the paid training experiences being targeted will be incorporated into the academic programs of study**
 - **The extent to which the experience is well structured and academically relevant to the student's program of study**
 - **The institution's commitment to target opportunities for students in high-need employment areas**

Refer to www.onetonline.org/help/bright

Application

Send an email with a PDF file attachment to the following email address:

experimentalsites@ed.gov

Include the following in the email:

- Subject line should read **ESI 2019 – Federal Work-Study Experiment**
- Text must include name and address of the institution

Reporting and Evaluation

Participating institutions will be required to:

- Complete annual surveys collecting information about:
 - Job development activities relevant to FWS students, including institutions with JLD funds
 - Any unforeseen challenges or opportunities identified in conjunction with administering the experiment

Reporting and Evaluation

Other Information to be collected for evaluation:

- Enrollment, completion, and withdrawal of students who receive title IV funds
- Student employment and earnings from other Federal agencies
- Specific evaluation and reporting requirements will be finalized prior to the start of the experiment

Experimental Sites Website

<https://experimentalsites.ed.gov>

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Questions and Answers

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