

SMART Defense Scholarship

Purpose	SMART stands for <i>Science and Mathematics Research for Transformation</i> . Thus, the purpose of the award is to support students in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) disciplines and thereby recruit talented civilian scientists and engineers to work for the Department of Defense (DoD).																		
Award																			
<i>Tenable</i>	Any accredited American university with a relevant program. Funds undergraduate or graduate study.																		
<i>Number & Amount</i>	Number unknown (probably varies due to decentralized selection). All educational expenses and book allowance. Living stipend of \$25,000 to \$38,000 (depends on educational level). Also includes summer internships in a DoD laboratory.																		
<i>Duration</i>	Range from a minimum of 1.5 years to a maximum of 5 years per award, depending on degree. Renewable for the time required to complete your degree. Scholars agree to work for DoD research facility immediately after they graduate, one year for every year of SMART support. Applicants specify which labs they wish to consider them for intern/work placement.																		
Eligibility																			
<i>Who</i>	US citizen. 18+ years old. 3.0+ GPA. Able to obtain security clearance upon acceptance. Students in the following, or closely related, disciplines: <table><tr><td>Aero/Astronautical Engineering</td><td>Biosciences</td><td>Chemical Engineering</td></tr><tr><td>Cognitive/Neural/Behavioral Sciences</td><td>Chemistry</td><td>Civil Engineering</td></tr><tr><td>Computer/Computational Sciences</td><td>Geosciences</td><td>Electrical Engineering</td></tr><tr><td>Information Sciences</td><td>Mathematics</td><td>Materials Science/Engineering</td></tr><tr><td>Mechanical/Nuclear Engineering</td><td>Naval Architecture</td><td>Operations Research</td></tr><tr><td>Industrial/Systems Engineering</td><td>Physics</td><td>Oceanography</td></tr></table>	Aero/Astronautical Engineering	Biosciences	Chemical Engineering	Cognitive/Neural/Behavioral Sciences	Chemistry	Civil Engineering	Computer/Computational Sciences	Geosciences	Electrical Engineering	Information Sciences	Mathematics	Materials Science/Engineering	Mechanical/Nuclear Engineering	Naval Architecture	Operations Research	Industrial/Systems Engineering	Physics	Oceanography
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<i>When</i>	Must have at least three funding-eligible semesters remaining.																		
<i>Selection Criteria</i>	Applicants are considered by individual DoD laboratories or units. Thus, each unit selects its own SMART Scholars. Students should demonstrate potential for R&D career success and articulate goals consistent with DoD careers.																		
Campus Deadline	None.																		
Deadline	Latest deadline was early December of 2018.																		
Application	Online application form that incorporates resume information. Summary of Goals essay. Interests & Research Experience essay. Three letters of reference. Transcripts. GRE scores for students applying at the Masters of PhD level.																		
Contact	Beth Powers is happy to talk with students interested in SMART. She can be reached at 207 Leadership Studies or (785) 532-3422.																		
Other	More information is available at https://smartscholarshipprod.service-now.com/smart . Interested undergrads should also look into the Goldwater. Students looking at graduate study should also review the NDSEG Fellowship and the NSF Graduate Fellowship.																		

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