SMART Defense Scholarship

Purpose
SMART stands for Science and Mathematics Research for Transformation. 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

Tenable
Any accredited American university with a relevant program. Funds undergraduate or graduate study.

Number & Amount
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.

Duration
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

Who
US citizen. 18+ years old. 3.0+ GPA. Able to obtain security clearance upon acceptance. Students in the following, or closely related, disciplines:

- 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

When
Must have at least three funding-eligible semesters remaining.

Selection Criteria
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

Contact
Jim Hohenbary is happy to talk with students interested in SMART. He can be reached at 204 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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http://www.k-state.edu/nationalscholarships/