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 215 Fairchild or (785) 532-3422.

**Other**
More information is available at [https://smartscholarshipprod.sercenow.com/smart](https://smartscholarshipprod.sercenow.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/