What is the DoD SMART Scholarship-for-Service Program?

The Science, Mathematics, and Research for Transformation (SMART) Scholarship-for-Service Program, funded by the Department of Defense (DoD), is a combined educational and workforce development opportunity for science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) students.

SMART offers scholarships for undergraduate, master's, and doctoral students currently pursuing a degree in one of the 24 STEM disciplines. SMART scholars receive full tuition, annual stipends, and employment with the DoD after graduation.

SMART provides the research leaders of tomorrow with not only an education, but a career.

Brandy Redic, BS
SMART Scholar

Naval Surface Warfare Center - Port Hueneme Division

" Before being a part of the SMART Program, I had no idea what I would want to do with my degree once I graduated. The SMART Program has not only fueled my motivation to graduate faster, but it has also helped me figure out a 5-year-plan that has me looking forward to what is to come once I graduate. "

SMART Disciplines

- Aerospace and Aeronautical Engineering
- Biomedical Engineering
- Biosciences
- Chemical Engineering
- Chemistry
- Civil Engineering
- Cognitive, Neural, and Behavioral Sciences
- Computer Science and Engineering
- Cybersecurity
- Data Science and Analytics
- Electrical Engineering
- Environmental Sciences
- Geosciences
- Industrial and Systems Engineering
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- Mathematics
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Warren Kadoya, Ph.D.
SMART Scholar

" Without the SMART Scholarship, I would most likely never have pursued a Ph.D. after completing my master's. The support of the scholarship allowed me to focus my attention on the demands of graduate school without added financial stress. "

Award Details

University
University of Arizona

STEM Discipline
Biosciences

Sponsoring Facility
U.S. Army Engineer Research, Development Center – CRREL

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SMART Scholar Benefits

Full Tuition

Annual Stipend
$30,000–$46,000

Book and Health Allowance

Summer Internships

Experienced Mentor

DoD Employment

Eligibility and Program Requirements

- U.S. citizenship
- 18 years or older
- Pursuing a degree in, or closely related to, one of the SMART STEM disciplines
- Obtain and maintain a security clearance
- Be enrolled in a U.S. accredited college or university
- Minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA
- Complete at least one summer internship (multi-year scholars only)
- Minimum 1 year of degree funding
- Accept full-time employment with the DoD, post graduation