

Who We Are

The Science, Mathematics, and Research for Transformation (SMART) Scholarship-for-Service Program, funded by the U.S. Department of Defense (DoD), offers a unique education and workforce development opportunity for aspiring leaders in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM). The SMART Program offers two scholarship opportunities:

- **The SMART Scholarship:** For students currently enrolled at a college or university, or with previous college credit; and
- **The Dellums Memorial SMART Scholarship:** For students with no previous college credit, who intend to pursue a bachelor's degree.

SMART scholars are passionate individuals dedicated to driving innovation and advancing research. They encompass a range of undergraduates, master's and doctoral students, all pursuing higher education in a SMART STEM discipline. This dynamic community represents the future of STEM innovation and leadership.

SMART scholars receive comprehensive support, including full tuition, annual stipends, and guaranteed civilian employment with the DoD upon graduation. By providing a pathway to education and a fulfilling career, SMART empowers the research leaders of tomorrow to focus on their passions.



SMART Scholarship STEM 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
- Geosciences
- Industrial and Systems Engineering
- Information Sciences
- Materials Science and Engineering
- Mathematics
- Mechanical Engineering
- Naval Architecture and Ocean Engineering
- Nuclear Engineering
- Oceanography
- Operations Research
- Physics
- Software Engineering

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Elevating Future STEM Leaders

SMART Scholarship-for-Service
Program

Apply Beginning August 1

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Meet Our Scholars

“ The SMART Scholarship allowed me the freedom to choose my own research journey throughout my masters and Ph.D. in electrical engineering at UCLA during Phase 1. During Phase 2 at NIWC Pacific in San Diego, California, I commenced my career from day one already being familiar with the Advanced Photonic Technologies Branch and my mentor.

– **Carlos Torres Jr., Ph.D.**
MS/Ph.D., Electrical Engineering



“ 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 five-year plan that has me looking forward to what is to come once I graduate.

– **Brandy Redic**
BS, Computer Science and Engineering



How Your World Expands as a SMART Scholar

World-Class Research Facilities

Work on cutting-edge technologies in one of over 150 SMART Sponsoring Facilities.

International Internship Opportunities







Collaborate with the international scientific community on research with global impacts.

Scholar and Mentor of the Year Awards

Make meaningful and publicly recognized contributions to the Department of Defense.



SMART Scholarship Benefits

-  Full Tuition
-  \$30,000 - \$46,000 Annual Stipend
-  Book & Health Allowance
-  Summer Internships
-  Experienced Mentor
-  DoD Civilian Employment

Eligibility

- U.S. Citizen
- 18 or Older by January 1 Following the Award Start Date
- Minimum 3.0 GPA
- Planning to Attend, or Enrolled in, a U.S. Accredited College
- Pursuing a Degree in STEM
- Able to Obtain and Maintain a Security Clearance

Program Requirements

- 1 - 5 Years of Degree Funding
- Complete Summer Internships (Multi-Year Scholars Only)
- Accept Department of Defense Civilian Employment After Graduation

Frequently Asked Questions

What is Scholarship-for-Service? Recipients receive full-tuition coverage for their education in exchange for a commitment to work as a Department of Defense civilian.

What is the Service Commitment? Scholars commit to one year of Department of Defense civilian employment for every year of SMART-sponsored degree funding.

How Do I Apply? Applications are open annually beginning August 1. Visit smartscholarship.org for more information.