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 21 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.

Stephanie Cinkovich, Ph.D.
SMART Scholar
U.S. Army Public Health Center
University of Florida

"The SMART Program allowed me a rare opportunity to receive a civilian position after graduation and made the chaotic time of wrapping up a dissertation, graduation, moving, and finding a job a lot less stressful."
Brandon McGee
SMART Scholar

It is very likely that I would not have been able to finish school if it weren't for the SMART Scholarship. Not to mention, SMART has also given me a rewarding internship experience and immediate job placement at Robins Air Force Base, which is something I'm truly grateful for.

Scholar Highlight

SMART Scholar Benefits

- Full Tuition
- Annual Stipend $25,000–$38,000
- 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

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