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Citizenship Status

I am a US citizen born in the US or a US territory/possession
 I am a US citizen not born in the US or a US territory/possession
 I am not a US citizen

All applicants must be US citizens.

Birth Date

You must be 18 years old as of August 1, 2010 to apply.

Employment

Select your current employment status

Did you apply last year?

Yes No

Are you a current SMART Scholar applying for a follow-on award?

Yes No

If so, select your Award Cohort Year:

Information Sharing

I understand my application information may be shared with DoD laboratory personnel, for the purposes of receiving information about summer employment or other opportunities. Also, my contact information may be used to inform me of additional scholarship or fellowship opportunities.

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I have read and agree to the Privacy Act Statement.

Science, Mathematics and Research for Transformation Defense Scholarship for Service Program

American Society for Engineering Education

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Application Overview

The Science, Mathematics, And Research for Transformation Defense Scholarship for Service Program is highly competitive. Each and every part of your application is important to the evaluation process. You are responsible for ensuring that your application is complete and accurate. Evaluation will be based on such factors as transcripts, direction of coursework, leadership skills (as demonstrated by research, academic, or other relevant activities), honors, and awards. Your application will not be reviewed unless you have submitted it by the deadline of December 15, 2009 at 5:00 PM EST. See the [Application Instructions](#) for important information.

How to begin and navigate the application

Applicants may begin by clicking on any link found under the "Required" display to the left of this screen. Sections may be completed in any order. Required fields are highlighted in yellow and denoted with an asterisk. Be sure to click on the save button at the bottom of each page once you are finished entering your information in that section. Once a section is complete, the ✖ next to the section's name on the sidebar turns into a ✔ Detailed instructions are available. You may navigate the application using the sidebar on the left.

How to check your application for completion

For an application to be complete, each required section must be complete, all required transcripts must be received, two references must be received and selected, and at least one GRE test score (if seeking support for graduate studies) or SAT/ACT test score (if your current academic status is 1st year Associate's or Freshman) must be received. The [Overall Status](#) page summarizes your application's current completion status, listing each section of the application and whether that section is finished or not finished. You may check the status of your application at any time by clicking on the [Overall Status](#) link.

How to submit the application

Applications are submitted by clicking on the "Submit Application" button in the sidebar. The button will be gray and inactive until you have entered and saved data for all required sections of the application, at which point it will become active. When you click "Submit Application," a dialog will pop up asking if you are sure, and you will select "Yes" or "No" depending on whether you are ready to submit the application or not. Once you click "Yes," your application will be electronically submitted. All applications must be submitted by December 15, 2009 at 5:00 PM EST.

After the application has been submitted

Once you have submitted your application, you will still be able to log in and check the status of transcripts, GREs, and references. Additionally, you will be able to add or edit reference information (until the deadline) as well as change your contact information. You are encouraged to monitor your application's status after submission, as you are responsible for ensuring submission of all required materials by the deadline. All applications must be submitted by December 15, 2009 at 5:00 PM EST.

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Application Instructions

All applicants are required to submit applications online **by 5:00 P.M EST, December 15, 2009**. All supporting materials must be received by **December 15, 2009**. Notifications of awards are expected to be made in March 2010. **Application materials are not returned to applicants. Applicants must click the "Submit Application" button to submit the application.** The following information may be useful in planning and preparing your application.

Important Information to Know Before Applying

Applicants will need to register for a new account before they will be able to start the application. The

applicant will input their name and email address and choose a password.

A sidebar is located at the left of each application page. Use this sidebar to navigate the application. Applicants may complete the application sections in any order. At any time, the applicant may click on the "Overall Status" link in the sidebar to view information about how much of the application is complete. These are the areas of the application:

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All applicants are required to submit applications online by **5:00 P.M EST, December 15, 2009**. All supporting materials must be received by **December 15, 2009**. See the descriptions of each element in the **Application Walk-Through** of your application. Monitor the application's status to ensure ASEE receives the reference forms, transcripts, and any required test scores. As stated above, **applicants must click the "Submit Application" button and select "Yes" before 5:00 P.M EST, December 15, 2009** in order to submit the application. There is no logout button. Simply exit the application and your saved work will be retained. **Please be sure to save your work before exiting, otherwise your information will be lost.**

All responses can be changed prior to submission. This allows applicants to save an application-in-progress and return to the application to correct errors and omissions.

Note: Java Script must be enabled on your browser to ensure the best performance of the application.

Privacy Act Statement

Science Mathematics And Research for Transformation Defense Scholarship for Service Program recipients are awarded under the authority of section 2191 of Title 10, United States Code. Information requested on application forms and fellows' progress reports is solicited under this authority. The application information may be disclosed to reviewers and assistants as part of the SMART selection process for evaluation and selection of qualified applicants. Information provided in applications and fellows' progress reports may be disclosed to academic institutions attended by applicants and fellows to provide or obtain data regarding the applicant review process, award decisions, or the administration of awards. Aggregated data based on application materials may be used in management reports designed to evaluate the direction and progress of the program as a whole and for reporting within the Department of Defense (DoD) and federal government. Attribution of specific data to individual applicants will be avoided, whenever possible, in using information

provided. A fellow's application information may be shared with DoD laboratory personnel, for the purposes of receiving information about summer employment or other opportunities, only if an applicant consents to sharing of the application information using the check box within the application. A list of fellowship winners may be published.

Submission of the information requested on the application is voluntary. Omission of any particular item not necessary to establish eligibility will not preclude the application review, although failure to provide full and complete information needed to evaluate all of the merits of the application may reduce the possibility of receiving an award. In order to determine the degree to which members of diverse sections of the eligible population are aware of and apply for this program, completion of the demographic fields on the application relating to gender, ethnicity, and race, is requested, but voluntary; omission of any demographic field information will not affect award consideration. Applicants will be considered for award of scholarships based on merit and without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, gender, or age. My contact information may be used to inform me of additional scholarship/fellowship opportunities.

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Frequently Asked Questions

Who Should Apply?

The SMART Program aims to increase the number of scientists and engineers in the DoD. The program is particularly interested in supporting individuals that demonstrate an aptitude and interest in conducting theoretical and applied research. As such, the program primarily targets "hand-on-the-bench" researchers and engineers. Individuals applying to the program should have a strong interest in working for the DoD as a civilian research scientist or engineer. Applicants must be pursuing an undergraduate or graduate degree in one of the disciplines listed on the [About SMART](#) page.

Frequently Asked Questions

Award Details

How much are the cash awards?

Cash awards are paid at a rate of \$25,000 - \$41,000 per year depending on prior educational experience.

Is there a cap on tuition funded through SMART?

No. If awarded, SMART will fund the total cost of full-time tuition at the regionally accredited U.S. college or university of the applicant's choice.

How will the award funding be paid?

- Participant cash awards will be paid as either a monthly stipend distributed by ASEE or as a bi-weekly salary distributed by the SMART Program Office at the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, California, or, combination thereof. Payment logistics are decided by the SMART Program Office in accordance with program requirements .

- Tuition and related educational fees will be paid directly to your university by ASEE.
- SMART provides Participants with a reimbursement allowance to procure health insurance during their scholarship award period. Recruitment Participants will be reimbursed up to \$1,200 per calendar year toward the cost of procuring health insurance. Health insurance for Recruitment Participants is generally available through the academic institution's health plan. Retention Participants generally continue to receive their workplace health insurance plans. The health insurance funding benefit is for the Participant only and does not extend to family members or dependents.
- Book allowances will be paid to Recruitment Scholars by ASEE and to Retention Scholars by their Sponsoring Service Organization.

Taxation of Awards

ASEE must report all cash award, internship support, and book allowance payments made to Recruitment Participants under the SMART Scholarship Program. At year end, ASEE will provide participants and the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) with the informational Form 1099-MISC recording the amount paid to the participant during the tax year. ASEE does not withhold taxes from participant cash awards. Under current laws and regulations, participants are responsible for submitting quarterly estimates of income taxes to the IRS and paying the amounts due. Participants may have a similar liability with respect to state and/or local taxes depending upon the state and/or locality where the participant resides.

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Orientation

Is there a program orientation?

Yes. The mandatory program orientation workshop will be held July 15-21, 2010 in Monterey, California. Travel expenses, within the United States, for participation in the workshop are included as part of the award packages.

Frequently Asked Questions

Summer Internships

What is the internship requirement?

Participants awarded multi-year awards, are required to serve as interns at DoD laboratories during the summer months. Internships are intended to provide valuable work experience and help the participant become familiar with the organization he/she has been sponsored by.

I planned to take classes or work on research during the summer/s, can my internship be waived?

Internships provide valuable employment development experience to participants and highly qualified intern support to DoD laboratories. Thus internships are waived only in very rare circumstances and are decided on a case-by-case basis. In most cases, internships will not be waived to accommodate summer course work or research at your university.

Will I get paid during my internship?

Participants continue to receive their monthly cash award payment throughout the internship period.

Will travel expenses for my internship be paid?

In addition to the cash award payment, Participants completing internships located 50 miles or more from their academic residence will receive internship support payments to fund travel. Participants should refer to the Internship Guidelines for the applicable year to obtain detailed information about internship funding, travel, responsibilities, and restrictions.

Frequently Asked Questions

Post-Graduation Employment

Will I get to choose the organization I will work for after graduation?

On the application, Participants have the opportunity to indicate their top three choices of DoD organizations, by which they would like to be sponsored, and their geographical preferences. Participant preference will be considered; however, placement with a Sponsoring Facility (SF) will be determined by the needs of the DoD.

Generally, Participants complete their post-graduation service with their SF. Participants are notified of the identity and location of their SF at the time of award and are expected to complete the post-graduation service with the SF. Participants are responsible for contacting their SF prior to accepting the award to ensure they are compatible with the organization.

In rare cases, a SF may determine that the Participant's skills and the organization's needs is not a good fit and/or the needs of the organization have changed such that the anticipated need no longer exists. In such a case, the SMART Program Office will work first with the SF and Sponsoring Service to locate alternate placement within the Sponsoring Service. If alternate placement within the Sponsoring Service cannot be found, the SMART Program Office will contact other participating DoD organizations to locate placement options. If no option can be found, the case will be referred to the Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD) which will determine whether the Participant's post-graduation service commitment will be waived. Requests for alternative placement of a Participant for completion of the post-graduation service must originate with the SF or Sponsoring Service.

What happens if I don't want to work for the service I have been sponsored by?

Participants are required to complete the internship and post-graduation service with the SF. Participants are notified of the identity and location of their SF at the time of award and are responsible for contacting their SF prior to accepting the award to ensure they are compatible with the organization. Requests for alternative placement of a Participant for completion of the post-graduation service must originate with the SF or Sponsoring Service.

Can the post-graduation employment period be deferred?

No, awardees are expected to begin fulfillment of the post-graduation employment period immediately upon graduation.

Frequently Asked Questions

Mentors

How will my mentor be assigned?

SFs assign each Participant a mentor. The mentor is generally a subject matter expert in the Participant's field of study. Contact information for Participants and mentors will be provided to each by the SF or Sponsoring Service. In all cases, the mentor will be someone within the sponsoring organization who will help facilitate internship arrangements and provide one-on-one counseling regarding the internal operations of the agency.

Frequently Asked Questions

Eligibility Requirements

All awardees must be;

- a U.S. citizen,
- 18 years of age or older as of August 1, 2010,
- able to participate in summer internships at DoD laboratories,
- willing to accept post-graduate employment with the DoD,
- a student in good standing with a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale (as calculated by the SMART application) and,
- pursuing an undergraduate or graduate degree in one of the disciplines listed on the About SMART page.

In addition;

***Undergraduate applicants** must be currently enrolled in a regionally accredited U.S. college or university and have a high school diploma/GED. Current high school students are not eligible to apply.

****Graduate applicants** can be either currently enrolled in a regionally accredited U.S. college or university or awaiting notification of admission to such. If awaiting admission, you must be accepted for entrance in the fall 2010 term.

***Freshman/First Year Associate's Program applicants** must report an ACT or SAT Reasoning Test Score. Subject tests are not required.

****Graduate applicants** must have taken the GRE and test scores must be reportable by ETS. Subject tests are not required.

What is a U.S. Citizen?

A "United States Citizen" is an individual who was born or naturalized within the United States and is subject to the jurisdiction of the United States. SMART Scholarships are only available to U.S. citizens.

Frequently Asked Questions

GRE Scores

Are GRE Scores required?

Graduate applicants must have taken the GRE General Test and scores must be reportable by Educational Testing Service (ETS). Subject tests are not required. Graduate applicants must sit for the GRE General Test by November 15, 2009 to ensure that scores reach

ASEE by the December 15, 2009 application deadline. GMAT/MCAT/LSAT test scores cannot be substituted for GRE test scores.

How do I submit GRE scores to the SMART Program?

For information about requesting score reports be sent to ASEE contact ETS at <http://www.gre.org> or (609) 771-7670. **The GRE code for ASEE is 5140** (with no department code). You are responsible for ensuring that ETS sends official copies of your GRE scores to ASEE prior to the application deadline. All official GRE scores are sent electronically to ASEE.

ETS will no longer report my official GRE scores; will you accept the report they sent me?

No. The SMART Program only accepts official GRE scores directly from Educational Testing Service (ETS) in accordance with ETS guidelines. Please keep in mind only current GRE scores (as defined by ETS policy, generally those taken in the last 5 years) will be sent.

Frequently Asked Questions

SAT/ACT Scores

Are SAT or ACT scores required?

Freshman/First Year Associate's Program applicants must report an ACT or SAT Reasoning Test Score. Subject tests are not required. Scores must be reported to ASEE by the December 15, 2009 application deadline.

How do I submit SAT or ACT scores to the SMART Program?

For information about requesting SAT score reports be sent to ASEE contact the College Board at <http://www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/sat/scores/sending.html> or (866) 756-7346. **The SAT code for ASEE is 5770**. You are responsible for ensuring that the College Board sends official copies of your SAT scores to ASEE prior to the application deadline. All SAT scores are sent electronically to ASEE.

For information about requesting ACT score reports be sent to ASEE contact ACT at <http://www.actstudent.org/scores/send/index.html> or (319) 337-1313. **The ACT code for ASEE is 6187**. You are responsible for ensuring that ACT sends official copies of your ACT scores to ASEE prior to the application deadline. All ACT scores are sent electronically to ASEE.

Frequently Asked Questions

Application Submission

What is the timeline for application submission and processing?

August 15, 2009 – December 15, 2009 Applications Accepted

March 31, 2010 Awards Announced*

*Additional awards may be made after March 31, 2010 depending on program needs and award acceptance rates.

What is the application period/When is the application deadline?

For awards to be distributed starting in Fall 2010, the application period is August 15, 2009 through December 15, 2009. All applications must be submitted online by 5:00 p.m. EST. All supporting application materials must be received by ASEE by 5:00 p.m. EST December 15, 2009.

Applications missing transcripts, required test scores, recommendations, and/or other required documentation will be considered incomplete and will not be considered for award.

I would like to review the application materials prior to opening an application file. Is there a copy I can look at?

You can register and preview the application without submitting the application by going to the [Apply Online](#) page. Also, the [Application Instructions](#) contain all the questions you will be asked and, in many cases, even includes the exact wording and length of restrictions for your responses.

If I applied last year, can I have my application reactivated?

No, you will have to complete this year's application and resubmit all required documentation.

Is there a paper application form I can use?

No, all applications must be submitted online.

Frequently Asked Questions

Current Government Employees

I am a current employee of the DoD, will I be able to stay in my current job?

The DoD is interested in helping current government employees further their education and continue their careers as part of the DoD S&T workforce. For the most part, current DoD employees, if selected, will remain employed by their current organization as retention awardees. You will be required to submit contact information for your current employer and a letter from your supervisor acknowledging that he/she is aware you are applying for funding under the SMART Program.

There may be situations where a current DoD employee wants to leave the organization he/she is employed by and pursue work with another DoD service or agency. Retention applicants will be prompted to designate whether they intend to remain with their current employer or are seeking work elsewhere in the DoD.

I am a federal employee not currently employed by the DoD, will I be able to stay in my current job?

No. The SMART Program requires participants accept full-time employment with the DoD after graduation.

If selected, will I get paid my full salary?

SMART cash award rates are established according to a fixed schedule that is consistent for all awardees within each cohort. Please see the [Award Details](#) FAQ page for details. For people currently employed by the DoD or other Federal agency, the stipend may be lower than their current salary.

If I plan to attend a university at a location outside of where my current employment location, will the program pay PCS costs?

No, the SMART Program does not pay PCS costs.

Will my award be distributed through my current DoD employer?

Please see the [Managers and Supervisors](#) FAQ page for details. We encourage you to share this information with your current employer and we will be glad to work with your manager and/or supervisor in working through the details.

Frequently Asked Questions

Managers and Supervisors of DoD Applicants

What is a retention applicant?

A retention candidate for the SMART Program is an individual who is currently employed by the DoD and plans to pursue a degree in a STEM discipline. After graduation, retention awardees are required to continue working for the DoD to fulfill the employment service obligation required by the SMART Service Agreement (Please note this is the 2008 agreement and that future agreements are subject to change).

Will my employee be required to work for another organization if selected?

It is the intent of the program to assign retention candidates to the organization they are currently employed by. However, there may be cases where a candidate expresses an interest in transferring to a different DoD service or agency. In these cases, the SMART Program Office will contact you and the participant to ensure appropriate coordination with all parties.

Why does my employee need a letter from me acknowledging his/her intent to apply for the program?

Retention applicants are required to submit a brief letter from his/her supervisor so that reviewers are able to identify whether the candidate's application is supported by his/her organization.

This support is required for applicants intending to remain with their organization after graduation.

If one of my employees is selected, what is my organization required to do?

Organizations supporting retention awardees must agree to continue employing the participant during his/her tenure in the program including the post-graduation period of obligated employment. Prior to graduation, employers must agree to allow the participant adequate time off to focus on his/her studies.

While the participant is in school, the SMART Program office will send to your organization via MIPR, funding to cover the following items;

- The participant's stipend + 30% for benefits administration
- \$1,000 for books
- \$1,500 for participant travel to the annual orientation event

It is intended these funds will be distributed via your organizations typical financial systems (i.e. payroll, purchasing, travel system). Tuition to the participant's university is paid directly through ASEE.

For further details please contact the SMART Program Office at smart@nps.edu.

Are there any direct costs my organization is required to fund?

Your organization is not required to fund any costs during the time the participant is pursuing his/her degree. However, some organizations have opted to provide funds and other opportunities to help bridge the gap between the stipend awarded and the participant's current salary. While not required, it is highly encouraged as doing so will make pursuing a degree more obtainable to employees whose household situations have been structured based on a higher income.

****Please Note****

SMART Scholarships pay for expenses associated with the participant's academic activities. After graduation, your organization will be responsible for funding the participant as a full-time employee.

Can any employee apply?

Yes, any civilian employee of the DoD meeting the eligibility requirements may apply.

What is the benefit to my agency?

The SMART Program is an excellent way for employees in your organization to further their education without having to allocate funds from your operating budget. Your organization benefits by retaining highly valued, better educated, employees without the typical costs associated with recruitment and training.

How can I find out more information about the program?

For more information, please contact the SMART Program Office at smart@nps.edu.

Frequently Asked Questions

Military

Can active-duty military apply?

The SMART Program requires participants to complete internships and accept a period of obligated employment with the DoD immediately after graduation. In order to avoid conflicts with military service obligations, active duty military applicants must be separated or begin terminal leave on or before August 1, 2010 to be eligible for the SMART scholarship.

In the event that you are recalled to active duty, you will be granted a deferment of the scholarship. Upon your release from active duty, you will be reinstated in the Program so long as Congressional funding is available at that time.

Requirements for applicants who will begin terminal leave but not separate by August 1, 2010:

Applicants who will not separate but will begin terminal leave on or before August 1, 2010 and are selected as award finalists will be required to provide the following documents to the SMART Program Office on or before February 1, 2010:

1. Separation/Retirement Orders;
2. Terminal Leave Form; and
3. Written statement from Commanding Officer confirming that the applicant is currently slated for honorable separation or retirement

Failure to timely provide these forms will result in withdrawal from further consideration.

After separation is complete, these applicants must also provide the SMART Program Office with a copy of the DD-214 establishing honorable separation. If the DD-214 reflects a discharge other than honorable, the individual is subject to dismissal from the Program and may be required to repay any and all funds expended on his/her behalf.

Can members of the Reserves and National Guard apply?

Members of the Reserves and National Guard are eligible to apply for SMART. In the event that you are called to active duty, you will be granted a deferment of the scholarship. Upon your release from active duty, you will be reinstated in the Program so long as Congressional funding is available at that time.

Frequently Asked Questions

General Questions

What if I don't finish my degree on time?

SMART Scholarships are awarded for a particular period of time based upon the degree conferral and completion dates set forth on the award. Participants are responsible for the timely completion of their degree in accordance with that time line. The delay or acceleration of a Participant's time line has serious consequences to Sponsoring Facilities. A request to extend or accelerate a Participant's degree completion and/or conferral dates is considered on a case-by-case basis and at the discretion of the SMART Program Office.

Requests for award extensions required prior written approval and will only be considered where extenuation circumstances prevent a Participant from completing his or her degree on time. Extensions requested before the first educational work plan is due require (1) calendar year (12 months) of post-graduation service for each academic year

(generally 9 months) of the award, or six (6) months of post-graduation service for each academic term (quarter, semester) or partial academic term of that award if the award is extended in whole or in part by less than a full academic year.

Extensions requested after the first educational work plan is due require an increased ratio of post-graduation service to the length of the award: completion of one (1) year of post-graduation service for each academic term or partial term the award is extended, or twice the length of the extension period, whichever is greater. SMART funding may not exceed five (5) academic years.

If a Participant fails to obtain his/her degree within five (5) academic years, the Participant may be granted an unfunded extension or dismissed from the Program.

Extensions that cross a summer period in whole or in part require completion of a summer internship unless this requirement is waived in writing in advance by the SMART Program Office. Determinations of requests for extensions are considered on a case-by-case basis and at the discretion of the SMART Program Office.

Requests to accelerate degree completion and conferral require prior written approval. Participants who obtain their degree earlier than originally anticipated will not receive reduction in the original length or post-graduation service. Additionally, the Participant's Sponsoring Facility may be unable to hire the Participant earlier than the date set forth on the award documents due to hiring procedures, budgetary constraints, or other issues. Generally, Participants cease receiving cash award payments within 30 days of completion. Depending on how early a Participant completes degree requirements and receives conferral of the funded degree, he/she may cease receiving cash award payments for a significant period of time before being hired by the Sponsoring Facility.

Can I extend my award to pursue a future degree?

SMART Scholarships are awarded for one degree at a time, except in the case of official joint degree programs. Candidates applying for funding of a joint degree program must be enrolled in a joint degree program officially recognized by the applicant's academic institution at the time of the award.

Follow-on funding is not guaranteed. The determination of whether to grant a follow-on award is made on a case-by-case basis and at the discretion of the SMART Program Office. If a participant wishes to pursue a degree in addition to the degree initially funded by SMART, the Participant must take the following steps:

1. reapply to SMART for a separate award
2. score in the top 50% of applicants for the new award cycle; and
3. be reselected by the original (or current) Sponsoring Facility.

A Participant who receives a follow-on award must complete the service commitments for both the initial and follow-on awards contiguously and without interruption. Time

spent working at the Sponsoring Facility will not be counted toward the post-graduation service commitment until both the initial and follow-on degrees are obtained by the Participant.

If a Participant wishes to pursue a subsequent degree outside of the SMART Program, the Participant must first complete his/her degree and the post-graduation service commitment. The commencement of a Participant's post-graduation service commitment will not be deferred to permit completion of a subsequent degree outside of the Program.

Participants may not simultaneously pursue another degree while pursuing the degree funded by SMART regardless of the funding source for the additional degree.

Can my award be deferred?

Awards cannot be deferred. If accepted, you must begin your academic work in Fall 2010.

Can I accept other scholarships in addition to SMART?

Under the terms of the SMART Service Agreement (Please note this is the 2008 agreement and that future agreements are subject to change), participants may not accept other major scholarship awards. Other major awards are defined as; a) funding from any other federal scholarship, fellowship, grant, or funding source excluding federally funded student loans and/or salary supplements provided by DoD agencies to DoD retention awardees and, b) Other scholarships, fellowships, grants exceeding \$5,000 total per academic year.

What does the term "geographically mobile" mean?

Geographic mobility means participants in the SMART Program must be willing to accept employment wherever their sponsoring laboratory is located.

Will SMART pay for attendance at conferences and workshops?

No. Any additional training or supplemental educational activities will be at the participant's expense.

May I spend a portion of my tenure at a non-U.S. institution?

No. SMART Scholarships are tenable only at U.S. colleges or universities. Participants are expected to complete their studies at the approved U.S. academic institution for which he/she received funding.

What if I want to transfer academic institutions?

Participants are expected to complete their studies at the approved U.S. academic institution for which he/she received funding. Participants are expected to complete their studies at the academic institution for which he/she receives funding. The Program will provide funding for only one (1) academic institution at a time. Participants who wish to transfer academic institutions after their award is made are responsible for obtaining prior written approval from the SMART Program Office. In making this determination, the SMART Program Office will coordinate review of the Participant's request with the Sponsoring Facility's POC and the Participant's mentor.

May I participate in fieldwork or study abroad programs?

Participants may study or engage in research fieldwork away from the academic institution for which they receive funding upon prior written approval from the SMART Program Office and if, in the judgement of academic or research advisor and DoD mentor the fieldwork furthers the Participant's education and contributes directly to the attainment of the degree funded by the award. The following conditions apply to all requests to engage in fieldwork:

1. the Participant must remain officially enrolled in a U.S. academic institution approved by the SMART Program Office;
2. the Participant must be earning academic credit toward the degree funded by the Program; and
3. No additional funds are provided for field work expenses.

Participants may engage in a study-abroad program upon written approval from the SMART Program Office. SMART will not provide additional funding for travel or additional tuition or fees related to participation in a study-abroad program. Participation in a study-abroad program may be approved if all of the following conditions are satisfied:

1. the study-abroad curriculum must directly contribute to the completion of degree requirements for which the Participant received funding;
2. participation in the study-abroad program must not affect the Participant's degree completion, conferral or start of post-graduation service dates;
3. participation in the study-abroad program must not affect the Participant's ability to fulfill his/her internship and post-graduation service commitments
4. the Participant maintains full-time enrollment status in the U.S. academic institution for which the Participant receives funding; and
5. tuition for the study-abroad program is paid directly to the U.S. academic institution for which the Participant receives funding; and
6. participation in the study-abroad program must not affect the Participant's eligibility to maintain the security clearance required to complete the internship and/or post-graduation service requirements.

Participants are responsible for providing the SMART Program Office with a written confirmation from his/her academic or research advisor on university letterhead that the study-abroad program satisfies these requirements.

What is the duration of the SMART award?

The duration of SMART awards range from one academic term, that being the term just prior to degree completion, up to five academic years. The length of SMART awards are determined by the degree completion and degree conferral dates set forth in the application and award documents.

What is the duration of participation in the Program?

Individuals are "Participants" in the SMART Program for all three phases: (1) academic phase, during which the Participant pursues his/her degree; (2) post-graduation service phase, during which the Participant completes the post-graduation employment commitment with the Department of Defense (DoD); and (3) the 10 year monitoring phase after completion of the post-graduation service requirement during which the Program tracks the Participant's employment status.

Is a security clearance required?

Yes. Participants in the SMART Program must be able to obtain and maintain a security clearance from the DoD. A copy of the standard security questionnaire form can be found at: http://www.opm.gov/forms/pdf_fill/SF86.pdf

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DoD: Department of Defense

Mentor: A "Mentor" is an experienced individual who assists and guides another person's development. A Program mentor is usually a senior member within the SSO who is a subject matter expert in the Participant's field of study. A Participant's mentor may coordinate internship logistics as well as assist the Participant in his/her educational and professional growth.

Scholarship-for-Service: "Scholarship-for-Service" refers to programs that provide scholarship funding in exchange for an agreement to complete a period of post-graduation service. SMART is a scholarship-for-service program that provides generous scholarships, cash awards, and benefits in exchange for completing the internship and post-graduation service commitments with the DoD.

Participant: A "Participant" is an individual who has applied for, received, and accepted a SMART award. An individual is a Participant throughout the following phases: (1) academic phase, during which the Participant throughout the following phases: (2) post-graduation service phase, during which the Participant completes the post-graduation service commitment with the Department of Defense (DoD); and (3) the 10 year monitoring phase after completion of the post-graduation service requirement during which the Program tracks the Participant's employment status.

Recruitment Participant: A "Recruitment Participant" is a Participant who is not employed by a permanent civilian position by the DoD at the time he/she applies and receives a SMART Program award. Participants who are employed by the DoD in temporary or internship positions at the time of application and/or award are considered Recruitment Participants.

Retention Participant: A "Retention Participant" is a Participant who is employed in a permanent civilian position by the DoD at the time he/she applies for and receives a SMART Scholarship award.

Multi-Year Participant: A "Multi-Year Participant" is a Participant whose award length is more than one (1) academic year.

One-year Participant: A "One-Year Participant" is a Participant whose award length is for one (1) academic year.

Sponsoring Facility: A "Sponsoring Facility" is a particular laboratory or agency within the Sponsoring Service. Sponsoring Facilities review applicants and identify those whose background and interests are a good match for their anticipated personnel needs and recommend those applicants to Sponsoring Services for nomination for an award. It is expected that the Participant will complete his/her internship and post-graduation service commitment with the Sponsoring Facility. A Retention Participant's Sponsoring Facility also agrees to provide the Participant with sufficient time in which to complete academic studies. During the summers and after graduation, it is expected that the Retention Participant will complete employment commitments with the Sponsoring Facility.

Post-Graduation Service Commitment: The "Post-Graduation Service Commitment" is the Participant's agreement to accept a period of full-time employment with a DoD organization after completion of the degree for which he/she received funding. All Participants are responsible for completing post-graduation service. The post-graduation service commitment is usually completed with the Participant's Sponsoring Facility.

Academic Year: An "Academic Year" consists for the Fall through spring academic terms and is generally nine (9) months in length. An academic year does not include the summer term.

Degree Conferral Date: The "Degree Conferral Date" is the date on which a degree is bestowed upon an individual. This date is set forth on the official transcript reflecting the degree earned.

Degree Completion Date: The "Degree Completion Date" is the date on which an individual completes all requirements to obtain a degree. This date occurs prior to the degree conferral date and is not set forth on official transcripts.

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All sections of your application are complete.

You can submit your application.

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Are you sure you want to withdraw your application?

Keep in mind that once you withdraw your application, you will not be able to edit or submit it, and you will not be considered for the program.

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First Name

Middle Name

If you have no middle name, please enter "none"

Last Name

Suffix

Other Name

Any other names (ie a maiden name) that may appear on your transcripts or reference letters. Do not list nicknames.

Resident State

The state you are a resident of for tuition purposes. If it is not a US state, then select 'Other'.

Email

Information about your application, including official award notification, will be sent to this email address.

Primary Address (mailing)

Street

City

State

Zip/Postal Code

Country

Secondary Address (permanent)

Same as primary address

Street

City

State

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Country

Primary Telephone

Alternate Telephone

Mobile Telephone

You may be contacted by telephone to be asked follow up questions by one or more DoD agencies and/or the SMART Program Office.

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Citizenship & Demographics

Are you registered with Selective Service? I am not required to register Yes

No

Please visit www.sss.gov for more information.

City of birth

Quohog

State of birth

Maine

Country of birth

United States of America

(If applicable) I am a dual citizen of the United States and

(If applicable) I was a dual citizen of the United States and

Incomplete or inaccurate reporting of citizenship status may result in disqualification.

Demographic information

This information is used to determine the degree to which members of diverse sections of the eligible population are aware of and apply for this program. See the Privacy Act Statement for more information. This information will not be provided to evaluators and will not impact your eligibility in any way.

As providing this information is voluntary, if you do not wish to answer the questions, simply select the "I do not wish to respond" option under each question.

Gender Female Male I do not wish to respond

Ethnicity Hispanic or Latino Not Hispanic or Latino I do not wish to respond

Race

(select all that apply) American Indian or Alaska Native Asian Black or African American Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander White I do not wish to respond

Disability I have a disability I do not have a disability I do not wish to respond

Veteran Preference No preference claimed 5 points preference claimed 10 points preference claimed

If you are claiming the 5 point preference, you must submit:

- a copy of your DD-214.

If you are claiming the 10 point preference, you must submit, a copy of your:

- DD-214
- SF-15
- letter from the VA (including a VA POC)

The forms must be received by December 15, 2009

Upload your DD-214 (PDF Only)

Upload your SF-15 (PDF Only)
Upload your VA Letter (PDF Only)

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Academic Background

Current academic status

Select your current academic status and the name of your current academic advisor. If you are not currently enrolled in an academic institution (applicants seeking funding for undergraduate studies must be currently enrolled), select the highest level completed in your academic career.

If your academic status is 1st year Associates Program or Freshman you must submit a SAT or ACT score.

Academic Status

Do you currently have an academic advisor? No Yes

The following fields are only required if you have an academic advisor.

Academic Advisor

Advisor Email

Advisor Title

Enter information about each educational institution you attend or attended.

Please list all colleges attended. Your overall cumulative GPA at all colleges attended as calculated by the SMART application must be a least 3.0 for you to be eligible. Your cumulative GPA at any individual college may be under 3.0 as long as your overall cumulative GPA at all colleges attended is at least 3.0. You are required to submit a transcript for any completed college coursework.

Cumulative GPA: 3.45

Add a college or university

Name University of Rochester

Degree BA

Cumulative GPA 3.45

GPA Credits 60

GPA Base 4.0

Location Rochester, NY, US

Attended Sep 2007 to May 2011

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Proposed Area of Study

You must have been accepted for admission into an eligible program by the time of the award.

To modify your proposed institution, search for the institution below.

If you have not decided on an institution, select "Undecided" below.

Proposed Institution

University of Rochester

Undecided

Select if you do not have a proposed institution

Are you currently enrolled in this institution? Yes No

Degree

Have you passed your PhD qualifiers? Yes No

Have you advanced to PhD candidacy? Yes No

Will the degrees be awarded separately? Yes No

Answer no if both degrees will be awarded at one time

When will the first degree be awarded?

Start date of program

Estimated date of completion

Based on the award start date of Fall 2010,

the time period you indicated would provide you with 1 year of funding

If awarded, you will only receive funding for the time period indicated. This time period equals your post-graduate service commitment.

Are you currently enrolled in the degree program for which you seek funding? Yes

No

Discipline

Specialization

Name of Academic Program

Please list the official name of your academic program. For example, if you are applying under the discipline of "Computer and Computational Science" but the name of your program at your school is "Theoretical Computer Science" please list "Theoretical Computer Science" in this field.

For which services/agencies do you want to work?

Select three, in order or preference. If you have no particular preference, select "No preference." For more information on the sponsoring facilities, [click here](#).

First

Other

If you selected 'Other, not in this list' for your first choice

Second

Other

If you selected 'Other, not in this list' for your second choice

Third

Other

If you selected 'Other, not in this list' for your third choice

Selecting a preference(s) will neither increase nor decrease your selection chances. This information is used after initial candidate selection to help determine organization placement. The SMART Program does not guarantee that, if selected, you will be placed at your preferred organization.

Geographic placement preference

Select up to three regions, in order or preference. To view a map of the regions, [click here](#).

First

Second

Third

Selecting a preference(s) will neither increase nor decrease your selection chances. This information is used after initial candidate selection to help determine organization placement. The SMART Program does not guarantee that, if selected, you will be placed in your preferred geographic region.

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Publications and Presentations

Enter all relevant publications and presentations pertaining to your field since entering college. These may include articles, journal submissions, and conference proceedings.

If you do not have any publications or presentations to report, indicate this by clicking on the "No publications or presentations to report" check box and then the "Save" button.

- No publications or presentations to report.

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Add publication or presentation

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Awards & Honors

Enter all scholarships, academic honors, scientific or engineering student leadership roles, honorary societies, and any other recognition relevant to your field since entering college. All awards and honors granted by the U.S. Government should have the "Federal Award" box checked, with the agency granting the award specified in the description, such as NASA or the NSF. It is strongly recommended that you group similar awards together. For example, list together all awards that directly derive from your grade point average such as Dean's List recognition.

If you do not have any awards to report, indicate this by clicking on the "No awards or honors to report" check box and then the "Save" button.



No awards or honors to report.

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Add new award or honor

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Summary of Educational & Professional Goals

In a concise statement, provide a summary of your current educational program objectives and your long-range professional goals.

As part of this statement, we are interested in your ideas about the kinds of research in which you have engaged and in which you would like to engage during your studies as well as during your expected tenure with the Department of Defense (DoD).

It is critical that you address each of the following:

- Why you want to work for the Department of Defense?
- How you think your employment will contribute to the DoD Science and Technology Enterprise?
- How you think that you will benefit from working as part of the DoD civilian workforce?

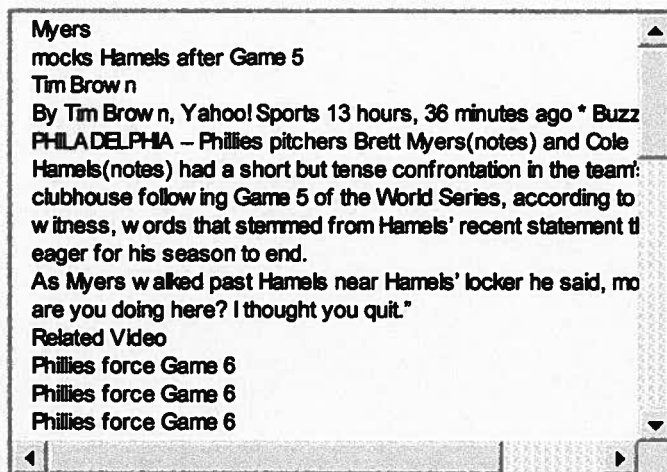
Retention applicants also need to address the following:

- How will this academic program and resulting degree benefit the DoD? Please be specific.

You may wish to discuss specific research questions that interest you and how you became interested in them. Please discuss these research interests in sufficient detail for an expert who is technically competent in your field to judge your understanding of the questions to be addressed, relevant hypotheses and approaches one might take to answering the questions, and other research principles required to investigate in the research area you identify.

Your response will be limited to 3,000 characters, including spaces. You must enter a minimum of 1500 characters.

Characters (3000 max): 302 remaining



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Enter contact information for at least two references in order to send a request to each. References should be scientists, engineers, or faculty members who have current or recent knowledge of your academic accomplishments or your professional experiences. They will be contacted electronically and asked to fill out a brief form and attach a reference letter. You may add as many references as you like; however, you can only select two to be used in your application.

You may change this information at any time, even after you have submitted your application. You may monitor the status of your references by looking at the Overall Status page.

You may send reminder emails to your references by clicking "Send reminder email" underneath the reference to whom you wish to send a reminder.

Reference letters must be on official letterhead. Reference letters not on official letterhead may be disqualified from consideration.

Add new reference

Name Thomas Jefferson
Email tjefferson@gmail.com
Position Other
Department President
Institution United States Government
Use this reference? Yes
[Send reminder email](#) » [Edit](#) » [Delete](#) »
Name Milton R Nixonborough
Email mnixonborough@wales.uk.org
Position Full Professor
Department Ocenography
Institution University of Wales
Use this reference? Yes
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How did you hear about the SMART Program? Please select all that apply.

- Heard about it from a friend Heard about it at a conference Informed by a faculty member Internet website Learned about it in a grants office Saw announcement on a bulletin board Government agency Government newsletter

or publication Career Fair (please describe) Campus Presentation (please enter
the school name) Other (please describe)

Please provide any explanations or additional information here:

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