

10 U.S.C. § 2191 : US Code - Section 2191: Graduate fellowships

- (a) The Secretary of Defense shall prescribe regulations providing for the award of fellowships to citizens and nationals of the United States who agree to pursue graduate degrees in science, engineering, or other fields of study designated by the Secretary to be of priority interest to the Department of Defense.
- (b) A fellowship awarded pursuant to regulations prescribed under subsection (a) shall be known as a "National Defense Science and Engineering Graduate Fellowship".
- (c) National Defense Science and Engineering Graduate Fellowships shall be awarded solely on the basis of academic ability. The Secretary shall take all appropriate actions to encourage applications for such fellowships of persons who are members of groups (including minority groups, women, and disabled persons) which historically have been underrepresented in science and technology fields. Recipients shall be selected on the basis of a nationwide competition. The award of a fellowship under this section may not be predicated on the geographic region in which the recipient lives or the geographic region in which the recipient will pursue an advanced degree.
- (d) The regulations prescribed under this section shall include -
 - (1) the criteria for award of fellowships;
 - (2) the procedures for selecting recipients;
 - (3) the basis for determining the amount of a fellowship; and
 - (4) the maximum amount that may be awarded to an individual during an academic year.

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