“The opportunities you have with the SMART Program, both the financial side and project support, are better than any program I’ve seen anywhere. There is no comparison.”

James Wright, SMART Scholar, Boston University

SMART Overview
The DoD recognizes the need to support the education of America's future scientists and engineers. The SMART Scholarship-for-Service Program is part of a concentrated effort to improve the flow of new, highly skilled technical labor into DoD facilities and agencies and to enhance the technical skills of the workforce already in place.

SMART offers scholarships to undergraduate, master’s, and doctoral students who have demonstrated ability and special aptitude for excelling in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) fields. Students are also provided opportunities to continue their research in civil service roles following graduation.

Through SMART, we are proud to offer our research leaders of tomorrow not only an education, but a career.

SMART Scholars Receive:
- Cash award paid at a rate of $25,000 - $38,000 per year depending on prior educational experience
- Full tuition and related education expenses
- Health insurance allowance
- Book allowance
- Summer internships (multi-year participants)
- Post-graduation career opportunities

Contact
Contact the SMART Program below for more information and to apply.
http://www.smartscholarship.org
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SMART Applicants
SMART Scholarships are awarded to applicants who are pursuing a degree in, or closely related to, one of the following Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) disciplines:
- Aeronautical and Astronautical Engineering
- Biosciences
- Chemical Engineering
- Chemistry
- Civil Engineering
- Cognitive, Neural, and Behavioral Sciences
- Computer and Computational Sciences (to include Computer Engineering)
- Electrical Engineering
- Geosciences
- Industrial and Systems Engineering (Technical tracks only)
- Information Sciences
- Materials Science and Engineering
- Mathematics
- Mechanical Engineering
- Naval Architecture and Ocean Engineering
- Nuclear Engineering
- Oceanography
- Operations Research
- Physics

Employment Placement
Upon graduation, SMART award recipients are placed in civilian jobs in DoD laboratories and agencies. The post-degree service commitment is commensurate with the length of the scholarship award. Please see program website for additional details.

Award Benefits
In addition to paying tuition and other educational expenses, SMART Participants receive a generous cash award and health insurance allowance. Cash awards are paid at a rate of $25,000 - $38,000 per year depending on prior educational experience.

Internships
SMART Scholarships include summer internships. Internships are located at DoD facilities and may include a stipend to cover travel expenses if eligible.

Eligibility
The SMART Scholarship for Service Program is open only to citizens of the United States.* Persons who hold permanent resident status are not eligible. Proof of citizenship is required. Students must be at least 18 years of age to be eligible. Applicants for undergraduate awards must be currently enrolled in a U.S. college or university. Awardees must be eligible to receive and maintain a security clearance. Please see the program website for details about the security clearance process.

Application
The application opens in August and Closes in December.

*Some exceptions apply