"I've been able to leverage my academic studies to become a subject matter expert in an area of high importance in the Navy. The prestige that the SMART Scholarship carries has afforded me unique abilities to pursue scientific work that is meaningful both to me and the DoD at large."

Brandon Cochenour, *SMART Scholar*

WHAT BENEFITS DO SMART SCHOLARS ENJOY?

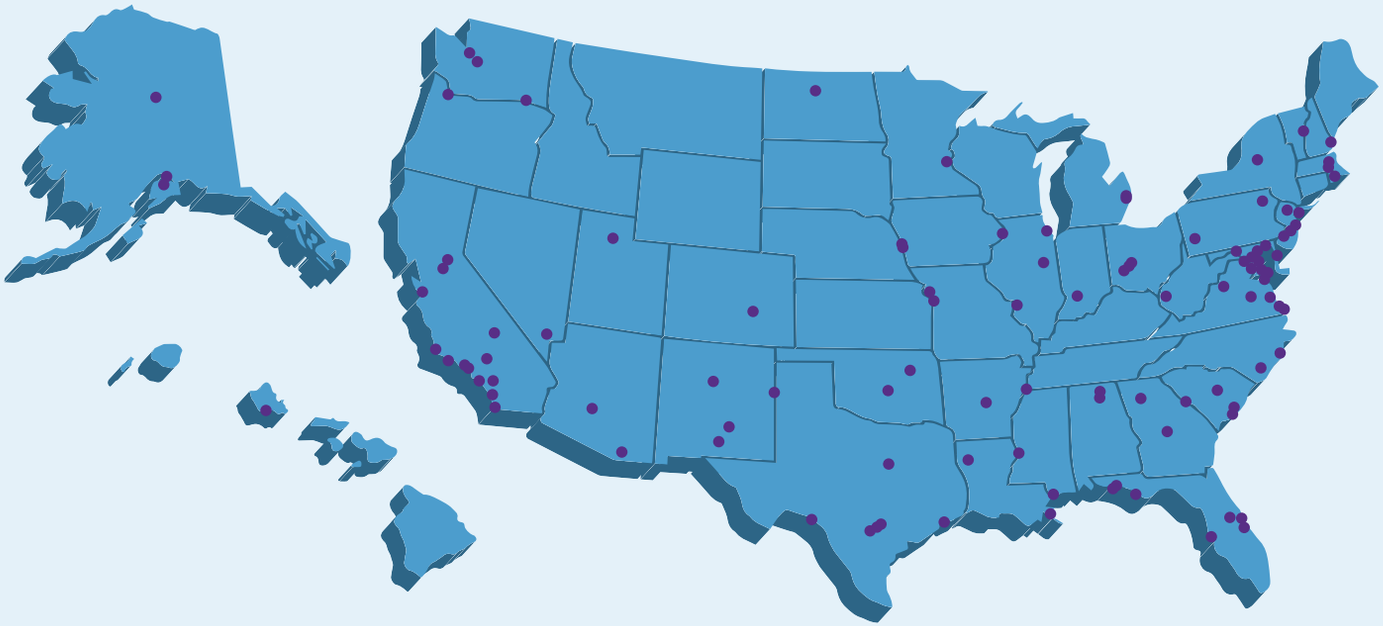
In addition to paying tuition and other educational expenses, SMART Scholars receive a generous cash award and health insurance allowance. Cash awards are paid at a rate of $25,000 - $38,000 per year depending on prior educational experience.

Summer internships are located at DoD facilities and may include a stipend to cover travel expenses if eligible.

IN ORDER TO BE ELIGIBLE TO APPLY FOR A SMART SCHOLARSHIP, APPLICANTS MUST:

- be U.S. citizens (some exceptions apply; those with permanent resident status are not eligible)
- be at least 18 years of age
- be pursuing a degree in, or closely related to, one of the SMART STEM disciplines
- be able to obtain and maintain a security clearance
- be enrolled and taking classes in a U.S. accredited college or university (undergraduate applicants only)
- have, and maintain, at least a 3.0 cumulative grade point average on a 4.0 scale
- be able to complete at least one summer internship
- be requesting at least 1.5 years of degree funding prior to graduation

WHERE DO SMART SCHOLARS WORK?



Throughout the U.S. there are 190 DoD laboratories and agencies across 40 states that sponsor SMART Scholars. Upon graduation, SMART Scholars are placed in civilian jobs with these DoD facilities. The post-degree service commitment is commensurate with the length of the scholarship award. Visit the SMART website for additional details.

APPLICATION PERIOD
AUGUST - DECEMBER

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WHAT IS THE DOD SMART SCHOLARSHIP-FOR-SERVICE PROGRAM?

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, the DoD is proud to offer research leaders of tomorrow not only an education, but a career.

WHAT DO SMART SCHOLARS RECEIVE?

- Full tuition and related educational expenses
- Cash award paid at a rate of $25,000 - $38,000 per year depending on prior educational exprience
- Book allowance
- Health insurance allowance
- Summer internship(s)
- Post-graduation employment

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
- Biomedical Engineering
- Biosciences
- Chemical Engineering
- Chemistry
- Civil Engineering
- Cognitive, Neural, and Behavioral Sciences
- Computer and Computational Sciences and Computer Engineering
- Electrical Engineering
- Environmental Sciences
- 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

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