The Department of Defense (DoD) recognizes the need to support the education of America’s future scientists and engineers. The SMART Scholarship-for-Service Program offers scholarships to undergraduate, master’s, and doctoral students who have demonstrated ability and special aptitude for excelling in STEM fields. Students are also provided opportunities to continue their research in DoD civil service roles following graduation. The Science, Mathematics, and Research For Transformation (SMART) Scholarship Program goal is to produce the next generation of DoD science and technology (S&T) leaders.

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The SMART Scholarship-for-Service Program STEM Disciplines:
- Aeronautical and Astronautical Engineering
- Biomedical Engineering
- Biosciences
- Chemical Engineering
- Chemistry
- Civil Engineering
- Cognitive, Neural, and Behavioral Sciences
- Computer and Computational Sciences/Computer Engineering
- Electrical Engineering
- Environmental Sciences
- Geosciences
- Industrial & Systems Engineering (technical tracks only)
- Information Sciences
- Materials Science and Engineering
- Mathematics
- Mechanical Engineering
- Naval Architecture and Ocean Engineering
- Nuclear Engineering
- Oceanography
- Operations Research (technical tracks)
- Physics

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

HOW DOES IT WORK?
Interested applicants complete an online application process. SMART Scholarships are awarded to applicants who are pursuing a degree in, or closely related to, one of the approved Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) disciplines.

WHAT WILL IT ACCOMPLISH?
The SMART Scholarship-for-Service Program improves the flow of new, highly skilled technical personnel into DoD facilities and agencies, while enhancing the technical skills of the workforce already in place.

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