

Robert Noyce Teacher Scholarship Program at Texas State University
RADIANS Scholarship Program Agreement

The Robert Noyce Teacher Scholarship Program at Texas State University (Texas State) seeks to encourage talented science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) majors to become K-12 mathematics and science teachers. The Noyce RADIANS Scholarship program is funded by the National Science Foundation (NSF) and provides scholarship support to undergraduate and post-baccalaureate STEM majors who earn a teaching credential and commit to teaching in high-need K-12 school districts.

Requirements for Noyce RADIANS Teaching Scholarship Program

- Recipients must be US citizens or nationals, or permanent resident aliens.
- Recipients must be undergraduate students who have attained at least junior status in a STEM baccalaureate degree program, or post-baccalaureate students who have earned a bachelor's degree with a major in a STEM field.
- Recipients must participate in all activities sponsored by the RADIANS program.

Teaching Service Commitment

Recipients of the Noyce RADIANS teaching scholarship must commit to complete two (2) years of service as STEM teacher in a high-need local educational agency for each full year of a scholarship award. This teaching service commitment must be completed within eight (8) years after graduation from the program for which the scholarship was awarded.

The service commitment must be completed within the stated timeframe above and must be performed in a high-need local educational agency as defined in section 201 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1021). The term "high need local educational agency" means a local educational agency that serves a secondary school located in an area in which there is:

- (A) a high percentage of individuals from families with incomes below the poverty line;
- (B) a high percentage of secondary school teachers not teaching in the content area in which the teachers were trained to teach; or
- (C) a high teacher turnover rate.

Financial Award and Payback Provisions

Scholarship award amount will total \$10,000 per year up to the cost of attendance, paid in two installments annually. Awards of up to \$15,000 are possible in cases of extraordinary financial need. Scholarships may be awarded for multiple years (NSF program maximum 3); scholars will sign this contract once for each year of scholarship.

As a condition of acceptance of a scholarship, the recipient agrees to provide the institution with annual certification of employment and up-to-date contact information as well as to participate in activities (e.g., surveys) conducted as part of institution project-level and NSF program-level evaluation. In addition, the scholarship may revert to a loan, meaning that the recipient will be required to repay all or a portion of the scholarship, if the recipient:

- fails to maintain an acceptable level of academic standing in the program in which the individual is enrolled;
- is dismissed from the program or institution for disciplinary reasons;
- withdraws from the program before the completion of such program;
- declares that the individual does not intend to fulfill the teaching service commitment; or
- fails to fulfill the teaching service commitment.

Failure to satisfy the requirements of the program or to complete the service requirement will result in recipient's forfeiture of the scholarship award. Recipients will be obligated to repay the scholarship award on a pro-rated basis that reflects any partial service completed. The formula used to calculate the repayment will be

$$A = F[(Y - s)/Y]$$

where "A" is the amount Texas State is entitled to recover; "F" is the sum of the total amount paid to the recipient; "Y" is the number of years of service obligation; and "s" is the number of years or fraction of years of such obligation served. Except as noted below in "Conditions for Waiver and Cancellation," any amount that Texas State is entitled to recover is due within 30 days of the date on which Texas State is

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entitled to recover such amount. After such time, interest will accrue on the outstanding obligation.

Conditions of Waiver and Cancellation

Texas State may waive the repayment obligation, in whole or in part, if it is determined that fulfillment of the service obligation

- (1) would be impossible due to disability of the recipient,
- (2) would result in extreme hardship to the recipient, or
- (3) is determined to not be in the best interest of the school district.

Requests for waivers of repayment obligations must be initiated by the recipient with a certified letter detailing the reasons why a waiver should be given. Additional documentation may be requested. Decisions on waivers of repayment obligations will require a majority vote by the Principal Investigators of the Noyce grant. The Principal Investigator of the grant, or a designee, will respond in writing to requests for waivers by certified mail within 14 days of a request for waiver of repayment obligation.

Address request for waivers to: Dr. Eleanor Close
Department of Physics
Texas State University
601 University Drive
San Marcos, TX 78666

Texas State will cancel any repayment obligation in the event of the death of the recipient.

Annual Report of Employment-Change of Address and/or Name

Recipients will submit to www.cose.txstate.edu/noyce/contact-update:

- (1) current contact information; any changes of name, postal address, or e-mail address during the period of the service obligation and for two years after the fulfillment of the service obligation, and
- (2) annual certification of employment for at least two years beyond the fulfillment of their commitment to teach in high a need school district.

Program Evaluation

Recipients will participate in evaluation activities during each year of the program and during the service period in order to determine the impact of the Noyce program in meeting its goals of increasing the number of highly qualified mathematics and science teachers in high need schools in the nation. Recipients are also expected to cooperate with any third party evaluation of the program as designated by the National Science Foundation.

Research on Program Impacts:

In addition to program evaluation, the project team will also be conducting research on effects of participation in the program. Participation in these research efforts will be entirely voluntarily.

I understand and agree to the conditions of the Noyce RADIANS Teacher Scholarship award as presented in this document.

Signature _____ Date _____

Printed Name _____