

Noyce Scholarship Service Obligation

At the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, the **Robert Noyce Teacher Scholarship Program** seeks to encourage talented science majors and professionals to become 9-12 science teachers. The program provides funds to support scholarships, stipends, and academic programs for undergraduate science majors and for post-baccalaureate students holding STEM (science, etc.) degrees who commit to teaching in high-need K-12 local educational agencies, or school districts.

“High-need K-12 local educational agencies, or school districts” are defined according to 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 an elementary or secondary school located in an area in which there is:

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

Obligations:

As dictated by the National Science Foundation, at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro Noyce Scholars are required to obtain their teaching credentials, meet program requirements satisfactorily including maintaining the required GPA, and teach in a high-need district for a period of two years for every year of scholarship received from the Noyce Scholarship Program. Failure to meet the service requirement converts the Noyce Scholarship into a student loan.

Applicant Agreements and Release of Information:

Please read and **initial** that you understand and agree to each of the following statements.

_____ I understand that I must meet and maintain all of the eligibility requirements for the Noyce Scholarship for the term of my scholarship/ stipend.

_____ If I am an undergraduate, I understand that I must complete a major in a science field and complete teacher certification requirements for that field.

_____ I understand that I must apply to the University of North Carolina at Greensboro Teachers Academy during the first semester of my Junior year or as soon as possible after that date.

_____ I am able to pass all criminal background checks, which are conditions for employment in North Carolina public schools.

_____ I will fulfill the mentoring/tutoring requirement of 80 hours/year in an approved manner through consultation with the Noyce Scholarship Committee and complete the outcomes assessment activities designed to evaluate the effectiveness of the *University of North Carolina at Greensboro Noyce Scholarship Program*.

_____ I understand that I am obligated to teach full time as a certified teacher in secondary science in a high-need public school district for two years for every year of

undergraduate scholarship/stipend support received OR one year for every semester the scholarship is awarded. This commitment must be completed within 8 years of graduation if I am an undergraduate scholarship recipient or within four years of graduation if I am a graduate scholar recipient. ***If I fail to complete the teaching obligation as specified, I must immediately repay the total balance of all scholarships/stipends received.***

_____ I understand that when I graduate, I will receive a notice of the number of years I need to teach and the time period in which I must complete that teaching assignment. I also understand that I must keep the University of North Carolina at Greensboro program informed of my address and employment as long as the service obligation is in effect.

_____ In order to facilitate my participation in the Program, I authorize release, exchange and disclosure of information about me among the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, school districts, the North Carolina State Board of Education, and other entities relating to teaching or working with children and/or participating or cooperating in teacher certification programs, including, but not limited to, information related to my application, suitability for internship, employment, admission, status, good standing or continuation as an applicant, university student, or school employee before or after acceptance in any of those capacities. I understand that I may revoke this release at anytime, but that such revocation may have an adverse impact on my status in the Program.

_____ I understand that I may not accept other financial aid that conflicts with this service obligation.

Students who are terminated from or drop out of the program must repay the National Science Foundation for scholarship funds they have received.

Applicant Signature

Date

Program Administrator

Date