



University of Mississippi/Robert Noyce Teachers for a New Tomorrow Scholar Program – Application Form



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Scholarship Overview:

The University of Mississippi/Robert Noyce Teachers for a New Tomorrow (UM/Noyce TNT) Scholarship Program seeks to encourage talented science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) majors and professionals to become secondary mathematics and science teachers. The UM/Noyce TNT Scholarship Program supports both undergraduate and graduate students who commit to teaching in any public school in Mississippi (or in a high-need school in any other state) upon completion of their teacher education program. Eligible applicants can receive up to \$10,000 per term (not to exceed the cost of attendance or \$20,000) for up to two terms per academic year. A term is defined as one semester. Fall, spring, and full summer (1st and 2nd summer) are each considered a term.

General Selection Criteria:

Applicants must fit into one of the following categories:

- University of Mississippi Double Major - University of Mississippi junior/senior undergraduates double-majoring in a science, technology, engineering, or mathematics (STEM) field and Secondary Math Education or Secondary Science Education to obtain a content specific degree and teacher certification.
- University of Mississippi STEM Major - University of Mississippi junior/senior undergraduates majoring in a STEM field (only) with the desire to obtain a master's degree that will lead to teacher certification. Upon completion of their undergraduate degree, these students will enroll in an alternate route program to obtain a 7 – 12 grade teacher certification in science or mathematics.
- STEM Graduates – Graduates who have obtained a bachelor's degree in science, technology, engineering or mathematics from any four-year institution who wish to obtain teacher certification in science or mathematics. These students are enrolled in the University of Mississippi's School of Education's Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) Program to obtain a 7 – 12 grade teacher certification in science or mathematics.
- STEM Professionals - Professionals holding a degree in a STEM field who are currently or have been employed in that field and now seek to become a secondary science or mathematics teacher. These professionals are enrolled in the University of Mississippi's School of Education's Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) Program to obtain a 7 – 12 grade teacher certification in science or mathematics.

Financial need:

While financial need is not the sole consideration for this award, we must collect this information and coordinate this scholarship with other awards. Your total scholarship support cannot exceed the published University of Mississippi cost of education. You must file a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to determine need. File electronically at www.fafsa.ed.gov. You (and your parent, if a dependent) must obtain a PIN from the U.S. Department of Education to electronically sign FAFSA. The link to obtain a PIN can be found at www.fafsa.ed.gov.

Requirements for Undergraduate Student Applicants:

Undergraduates must be actively pursuing a degree in a science, technology, engineering or mathematics field. Applicants must be in the last two years of an undergraduate program and be enrolled full-time during the scholarship year(s). Seniors requiring a fifth year or a post-baccalaureate program to complete teacher certification and who will apply the scholarship to the fifth year or post-baccalaureate program are eligible. Scholarship support is for a maximum of three years.

Requirements for Graduate Student Applicants:

Graduate student applicants must have a bachelor's degree in a science, technology engineering or mathematics field, as approved by NSF. University of Mississippi/Noyce TNT Scholars must enroll full time in the University of Mississippi's School of Education's Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) Program to obtain a 7 – 12 grade teacher certification in science or mathematics. **Those already certified as a K-12 teacher are not eligible.** Stipend support is for a maximum of two years.

Requirements for ALL applicants:

- Be a U.S. citizen, national, or permanent resident alien.
- Have an overall 3.0 GPA OR at least a 3.0 GPA on the last two years of coursework.
- Submit application form.
- Submit all academic transcripts.
- Submit resume.
- Include two recommendation forms that indicate potential for success in teaching (at least one must be an academic or professional reference). *
- Include an essay (maximum 3 pages) describing: *
 - why you want to become a science or math teacher;
 - why you think you will be a good science or math teacher;
 - why you are well-qualified to meet the nation's need for math and science teachers, and;
 - how you will further your professional development once you become a teacher.
- Participate in an interview if selected as a UM/Noyce TNT Scholar finalist.
- Submit a Student Aid Report (SAR).
- Submit a signed agreement committing to teach full-time as a licensed science or mathematics teacher in any public school in Mississippi (or in a high-need school district in any other state) for one year for every term a scholarship/stipend was received.
- Upon completion, submit a background check required for admission to teacher licensure program, as requested.
- * **Required on initial applications only.**

Expectations of University of Mississippi/Noyce TNT Scholars:

- Complete (or have completed) an undergraduate degree in a STEM major.
- Complete all requirements for state teaching certification and begin teaching.
- Sign an agreement that you understand your responsibilities as a UM/Noyce TNT Scholar.
- Participate fully in the UM/Noyce TNT program.
- Maintain a 3.0 GPA on all coursework completed while in receipt of scholarship.
- Upon graduation, complete an exit interview with UM/Noyce TNT Program administrators.
- Provide up-to-date contact information and teaching assignment verification during your teaching obligation indicating that you are employed as a science or mathematics teacher in a high-need public school.
- Participate in evaluations and surveys for the Robert Noyce Teacher Scholarship program.

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

Your initial application packet should include all of the following:

- Completed scholarship application form
- Official transcript(s) of all college work
- Resume
- Two recommendation that evaluate your potential for success in science or math teaching (at least one must be an academic or professional reference) – SEE RECOMMENDATION FORM. *
- Essay (maximum three pages) *
- Request Student Aid Report to be submitted to CMSE (contact Financial Aid Office)

* **Required on initial applications only**

Return your completed application packet to:

Center for Mathematics and Science Education
ATTN: UM/Noyce TNT Program Administrator
PO Box 1848
1111 Jackson Avenue West, Suite Q
University, MS 38677

For questions about the University of Mississippi/Noyce TNT Scholar Program or general questions about teacher education programs at the University of Mississippi contact:

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UM/TNT Program Administrator
Center for Mathematics and Science Education
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Name: _____

Ole Miss Student ID (if applicable): _____

Date of birth: _____

Permanent address: _____

Local address: _____

Phone: _____

email: _____

Citizenship (choose one): U.S. Citizen U.S. National U.S. Permanent Alien None of these

I am applying for a Noyce Scholarship for the following academic year: _____

during which I will be enrolled at UM as a: Junior Senior MAT-yr 1 MAT-yr 2

I have have not previously received a Noyce Teacher Scholarship.

Number of credit hours completed: _____ Undergraduate major: _____

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

_____ I am obligated to complete the major in a STEM field.

_____ I am obligated to complete the teaching licensure program.

_____ I am obligated to teach full-time as a licensed teacher in mathematics or science in any public school in Mississippi (or in a high-need school district in any other state) for one year for every term of scholarship or stipend received.

_____ I will be enrolled full-time during the scholarship period as defined or approved by the program.

_____ The Center for Mathematics and Science Education at the University of Mississippi has my permission to track my progress through licensure and employment using my Ole Miss Student ID number and Social Security Number (during employment), if necessary.

_____ I will provide the Center for Mathematics and Science Education with current employment and contact information throughout the period of my teaching obligation, and

_____ I will fully participate in all University of Mississippi/Noyce TNT Scholarship Program activities and outcomes assessment activities designed to evaluate the effectiveness of the Noyce Scholarship Program.

_____ I certify that the information I have provided is true, complete, and correct. If I owe an overpayment on any loan or grant, then I have made satisfactory arrangements with the holder to repay the amount owed.

_____ If I do not meet the obligations of the UM/Noyce TNT Scholar Program (set forth above), I will be required to repay the scholarship amount to the University of Mississippi/Center for Mathematics and Science Education.

Signature of applicant

Date

CONFIDENTIAL AND OPTIONAL: To be used anonymously and only for NSF reporting

Gender: Female Male

Race/ethnicity (choose one or more):

Asian White Hispanic Black or African American
American Indian or Alaskan Native Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander

Disability status: Hearing impairment Visual impairment Mobility impairment
Other: _____ none not reported

Application must include: essay, all transcripts, student financial aid report (or FAFSA filing) and two letters of recommendation. Submit applications to: Center for Mathematics and Science Education, ATTN: UM/Noyce TNT Program Administrator, PO Box 1848, 1111 Jackson Ave. West, Suite Q, University, MS 38677.