

2009 Scholarship and Fellowship Program Service Agreement

1. This service agreement is required for all student recipients of scholarships or fellowships (hereinafter referred to as the "recipient") funded by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) through Purdue University.
2. This agreement confirms the recipient's obligations to maintain satisfactory academic progress and serve 6 months in nuclear-related employment for each year of academic support. The employment may be with NRC, other Federal agencies, State agencies, Department of Energy laboratories, nuclear-related industry, or academia in the recipients' sponsored fields of study.
3. The scholarship recipient must: (check here if scholarship)
 - a. remain matriculated in the degree program for the field of study for which the scholarship was approved,
 - b. maintain satisfactory academic progress in the recipient's field of study, as demonstrated by maintaining a 3.0 Grade Point Average both overall and within the recipient's major, and
 - c. maintain a course load of at least 12 credit hours per semester as a full-time student in good standing.
4. The fellowship recipient must: (check here if fellowship)
 - a. maintain a 3.3 GPA overall and within a field of study
 - b. maintain a course load of at least 12 credit hours per semester **or** be classified as a full time student
 - c. remain matriculated in a graduate degree program in a nuclear related area, preferably in the fields of Nuclear Engineering, Health Physics, and Radiochemistry.
5. If a recipient fails to maintain satisfactory academic progress, the scholarship or fellowship will be terminated and the recipient could be obligated to repay the NRC the full amount of the scholarship/fellowship.
6. If a recipient receives any subsequent scholarship(s) or fellowship(s) through this program, the service obligation periods will be consecutive.
7. At the discretion of the NRC, the service obligation period may be delayed to allow the recipient to continue a subsequent degree program immediately following that sponsored under this program. For example, a recipient who receives a fellowship to earn a Master's degree, may request and be permitted to delay fulfilling their service obligation until after they complete a subsequent terminal degree program. Any such requests must be made to the NRC before a student enrolls in a subsequent degree program. If a student enrolls in a subsequent degree program before or without NRC approval, and the NRC does

not subsequently approve the request, the NRC will not be held liable for any expenses incurred to dis-enroll, or for failure to otherwise meet the terms of this service obligation. Recipients only incur a service obligation for funded periods of study.

8. If the student receives no employment offers or does not accept any of the offers received, the student is not relieved of the service obligation, unless, pursuant to this service agreement, the student applies for and receives a waiver from the NRC. Implicit in the waiver request is data or explanation by the student that efforts to secure employment in a nuclear-related field were undertaken. This can be in the form of job searches, referrals, etc. Absent a waiver from the NRC, rejection of one or more job offers could trigger the service agreement obligation.
9. If a recipient voluntarily leaves the employment during a period of obligated post-academic service, the recipient may immediately become liable to the U.S. Government for repayment of the entire amount of the assistance provided under the scholarship or fellowship, for which the service obligation has not been fulfilled.
10. The recipient employed by NRC understands that his or her last pay check and any lump sum payment for annual leave and other payment due on separation will be applied toward any unfulfilled service obligation without further notice. If the recipient's last pay check and any lump sum payment do not satisfy the debt, the recipient may pay the balance of the debt in full or set up a repayment plan.
11. By accepting this scholarship/fellowship, I agree to provide the NRC with current contact information (address, telephone, email), and employment information, subject to the provisions of the Privacy Act, for as long as I remain under obligated service. This information will be used solely for the purposes of verifying appropriate nuclear related employment in compliance with the service obligation requirements of this service agreement. In accordance with the Privacy Act, providing this information is voluntary; however, failure to do so may result in removal from the scholarship/fellowship program and/or repayment of all scholarship/grant money received. Contact information should be reported to: eduscholar@nrc.gov.
12. By signing this agreement, the recipient certifies that he or she has read this agreement and agrees to all of the obligations it entails.

Scholarship or Fellowship Recipient

Date

University Program Coordinator

Date

NRC Office of Human Resources

Date