



# Graduate Yearlong Experience And Residency for Acquiring STEM Teaching Competencies (GradYEAR)

## Noyce Track 2 Teaching Fellowships

### **Fellowship Information**

Funded by the National Science Foundation through the Robert Noyce Teacher Scholarship Program, this fellowship offers significant support to STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) professionals as they prepare to become secondary mathematics or science teachers.

Each year, 12 Master of Education students will receive fellowships. Each recipient will receive funding to cover the cost of attendance at UTC. **The student must agree to commit 4 years of teaching in a high-need school within Hamilton County Schools.** UTC will take into account any financial aid or scholarships the student is currently receiving prior to making the Noyce award so that any amount a student receives will not exceed the yearly cost of attending.

**Application Deadline:** March 17, 2025

### **Eligibility. The student must:**

- be a STEM professional with a bachelor's or graduate degree in a STEM\* discipline.
- have a minimum overall and content major GPA of 3.0.
- be a U.S. citizen, U.S. national, or permanent resident alien.
- not have previously served (including concurrent service) as a K-12 teacher.
- complete the project application, UTC application to the Graduate School, FAFSA form, and virtual interview.
- complete a successful background check (prior to selection) and purchase liability insurance (prior to residency).

\*The candidate with a degree in engineering or computer science will be required to pass the Praxis content exam for the area of teacher licensure (mathematics or one of the natural sciences).

**Fellowship Award:** A fellowship will provide for the cost of tuition, fees, and a book allowance.

### **Application Materials**

The applicant must submit a complete GradYEAR application packet including:

- GradYEAR application (with demographic information) including a two-page personal statement.
- most recent transcripts from UTC and other college-level institutions attended (unofficial copy).
- a copy of the student's FAFSA form (Free Application for Federal Student Aid).
- two letters of recommendation from content area faculty. Please arrange for these letters to be received by the application deadline.

### **Submission:**

#### **US/campus Mail Option**

**Once complete, please place in a sealed envelope and send this form and your statement to:**

Dr. Deborah McAllister  
The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga  
615 McCallie Avenue, Dept. 4154  
Chattanooga, TN 37403-2598

#### **Electronic Submission Option**

**Once complete, please email your completed application/recommendation to:**

[Deborah-McAllister@utc.edu](mailto:Deborah-McAllister@utc.edu)

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<i>Last Name</i>		<i>First Name</i>	<i>Middle Initial</i>
<i>UTC ID</i>	<i>DOB (MM-DD-YYYY)</i>	<i>Gender</i>	<i>Graduation Date</i>
<i>Email</i>		<i>Phone Number</i>	
<i>Address</i>	<i>Apt. #</i>	<i>City, State</i>	<i>Zip</i>
<i>Major</i>		<i>Concentration/Minor</i>	
<i>Cumulative GPA</i>		<i>Content GPA</i>	<i>Place of Employment</i>
<i>Part-time or Fulltime</i>			
Demographic information ( <i>Please indicate ALL of the following categories with which you identify.</i> )			
<input type="checkbox"/> Alaskan Native	<input type="checkbox"/> American Indian	<input type="checkbox"/> African American	
<input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic or Latino	<input type="checkbox"/> Pacific Islander	<input type="checkbox"/> White	
<input type="checkbox"/> Asian	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify):		
Please submit a two-page, word-processed personal statement responding the following:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Explain why you want to teach in a STEM discipline.</li> <li>• Describe your personal and professional qualifications for teaching in your content area, including experiences working with K-12 students.</li> <li>• Describe your commitment to teaching.</li> <li>• How will a Noyce Fellowship contribute to your professional development?</li> <li>• Describe (if any) socioeconomic difficulties, disabilities, or other challenges that you face.</li> </ul>			
Please, also, submit the following:			
<input type="checkbox"/> Most recent transcripts from UTC and all other college-level institutions attended (unofficial).			
<input type="checkbox"/> A copy of the student's FAFSA form (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) .			
<input type="checkbox"/> Two letters of recommendation from content area faculty (e.g., Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Mathematics, Geology, Computer Science, etc.).			



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## ***Applicant Certification and Release of Information***

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

*I certify that all of the information on this application is true and complete to the best of my knowledge.*

*I authorize the selection committee to view my academic records to fully assess my qualifications.*

*I certify that I meet and will maintain all of the eligibility requirements (including maintaining a 3.0 GPA or higher and that I will remain a full-time student continuously within the UTC School of Education program for the term of my fellowship.*

*I understand that I am obligated to teach full-time as a certified teacher in mathematics or science in a high-need, Hamilton County, Tennessee public school for 4 years for the 1 year of fellowship support received and that this commitment must be completed within 6 years of graduation. If I fail to complete this teaching obligation as specified, I must repay the prorated balance of all fellowships and salary supplements received.*

*I authorize exchange and/or disclosure of information among UTC Education, UTC, Hamilton County Schools, and other entities related to teaching or working with children who are participating in or cooperating in teacher certification programs. Examples of shared information include, but are not limited to: application information, admission status, academic standing, continued program eligibility, and employment status before and after acceptance in any of the fore-mentioned capacities.*

*I agree to participate in professional development, mentoring, research, evaluation, and all activities associated with the Noyce Fellowship Program.*

*I understand that an annual summary of student attainment must be submitted to include TVAAS<sup>®</sup> teacher effect scores, class level academic achievement scores, and other comparable class level student performance data.*

Signature:

Date:

Applicant Name (please print)

Complete application received by:

Date:



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## Noyce Track 2 Teaching Fellowships Letter of Recommendation Request Form

To be filled out by the applicant (Please Print Clearly)	
Applicant's Name:	UTC ID:
Email address:	Major:
Deadline for submission:	
<p><i>The Family Education Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, known as the Buckley Amendment, gives students the right to inspect and review their educational records. You may, however, waive the right to see specific confidential letters.</i></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> I, the applicant, hereby waive my right to examine this letter and understand that it will not be shared with me  <input type="checkbox"/> I, the applicant, do not waive my right to examine this letter</p>	
Applicant Signature	Date
To be filled out by the Recommender	
Name:	Email address:
Position/Title:	Department:
<p>Recommendation Letter:          The person named above is applying for admission to a fellowship program for the preparation of secondary (6-12) mathematics or science educators in the public schools. Please provide your impressions and assessments regarding the applicant's intellectual ability, disposition and character, potential for productivity and scholarship, creativity, leadership abilities, professional preparedness, and other aptitudes and skills that may be considered by the admissions committee. Please be frank and provide as much information as possible, including challenges, achievements, experience working with children and community organizations, and other special considerations pertaining to the applicant. Please use a separate sheet and attach it to this letter of recommendation form.</p>	
How long have you known the applicant?	
In what capacity?	
<p><b>Please rate this applicant in overall promise, potential, and appropriateness for this fellowship.</b>  <input type="checkbox"/> not recommended    <input type="checkbox"/> below average    <input type="checkbox"/> average    <input type="checkbox"/> above average    <input type="checkbox"/> exceptional          Please elaborate on your selection in your recommendation letter.</p>	
Recommender's Signature	Date
<b><i>US/campus Mail Option</i></b>	<b><i>Electronic Submission Option</i></b>
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