Purdue University Homeland Security-STEM Career Development Scholarship/Fellowship Program Fact Sheet

To support undergraduate and graduate students with the skills and understanding necessary for successful careers as future preeminent scientists in the homeland security scientific and technical community, the Department of Homeland Security, and Purdue University, support undergraduate scholars through the Homeland Security - Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (HS-STEM) Career Development Program in the form of a forgivable loan.

A. UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT SCHOLARS

The scholarship you have been given stipulates that you are a U.S. citizen; have and maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.30 or higher on a 4.00 scale, and a 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale for any given semester; attend the annual DHS Scholars and Fellows Orientation Meeting in Washington, DC at your expense; participate in one DHS-funded, 10-12 week topically relevant summer research experience at a DHS-affiliated facility, laboratory, or agency, for each year of funding received through this program; and, make and honor a commitment to provide one year of service (one continuous year, two semesters and a summer, or four consecutive summers) at a DHS-approved STEM facility during or immediately following the term of the scholarship.

B. GRADUATE STUDENT FELLOWS

The fellowship you have been given stipulates that you are a U.S. citizen; have and maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.30 or higher on a 4.00 scale, and a 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale for any given semester; attend the annual DHS Scholars and Fellows Orientation Meeting in Washington, DC at your expense; and, make and honor a commitment to provide one year of service (one continuous year, two semesters and a summer, or four consecutive summers) at a DHS-approved STEM facility during or immediately following the term of the fellowship.

C. FORGIVABLE LOAN PROVISIONS

Each scholarship/fellowship is initially established as a “forgivable loan.” The loan will be forgiven at a rate of 100% after the requirements stipulated above have been satisfied as determined by the Purdue Homeland Security Institute. The loan balance will be forgiven in the case of death or total disability.

D. REPAYMENT PROVISIONS IN THE EVENT OF FAILURE TO MEET STIPULATED REQUIREMENTS

Individuals who fail to meet the minimum standards to continue in the program, cease enrollment in the program for other reasons, or fail to complete the one year service requirement are obligated to repay the entire value of the scholarship/fellowship provided to them; no partial service credit provision is available. Any student accused of or admitting to scientific, academic, or criminal misconduct will be immediately dismissed from the program. The student will be required to repay the forgivable loan if not cleared of misconduct.

Interest will begin to accrue at 5% per annum after a 6 month grace period 1) beginning immediately after the Borrower ceased enrollment in the program for any reason, or 2) beginning one year after the Borrower completed their Homeland Security program at Purdue University. Periodic audits will be conducted using student files by the Purdue Homeland Security Institute to monitor program enrollment and student status.

Individuals falling under the repayment provisions should contact the University Collections Office (UCO) to arrange a payment schedule; equal monthly payments are generally established for student loans. Repayment is
expected within ten years. Interest charges are computed to the nearest first of the month from the date payment is received. Billing notices are mailed about one week prior to the first of each month. Remittance is made payable to Purdue University. Payment is due by the tenth of each month.

E. OBLIGATIONS

I understand that I will report any of the following changes to the Purdue Homeland Security Institute and to University Collections:

1) I drop out of, or I am dismissed from, the HS-STEM Career Development Program for any reason.
2) I fail to provide one year of service at a DHS-approved STEM facility during or immediately following the term of the scholarship.
3) My address or name changes
4) My status as a U.S. citizen changes

F. RIGHTS

You may prepay all or any part of the principal plus interest at any time.

Any questions regarding program administration, eligibility, or cancellation should be directed to Marti Burns, program manager, Purdue Homeland Security Institute, (765) 494-2216; mhburns@purdue.edu.

Any questions regarding disbursement and billing should be directed to the University Collections Office, Schleman Hall of Student Services, Room 350, 475 Stadium Mall Drive, West Lafayette, IN 47907-1081 Telephone: (765) 494-5350.

THE MAKER ACKNOWLEDGES RECEIPT OF AN EXACT COPY OF THIS FACT SHEET:

DATE  SIGNATURE OF THE MAKER

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