

University of Tennessee at Martin (UTM) Noyce Scholars Program

The UTM Noyce Scholars Program is now accepting applications for May 2024. Classes will begin on May 13, 2024, with an in-person orientation on the UT Martin campus the week prior to classes. Applications are due by April 12, 2024. Complete all three of the following:

1. Apply for admission to the Master of Science in Initial Licensure program at UT Martin. Learn more about the degree here <https://www.utm.edu/academics/majors-and-programs/msed-teaching-initial-licensure-secondary>. Visit <https://banssb.utm.edu/prod/bwskalog.P DispLoginNon> and login or select "First time user account creation" to submit the application.
2. In addition, Noyce applicants should submit the following documents to Dr. Steve Elliott:
 - Letter of application describing professional goals
 - Begin with the sentence "I am applying for admission to the UTM Noyce Scholars Program."
 - Describe why you want to be a math or science teacher
 - Date the letter and sign the letter
 - College transcript(s) through the application date
 - Applicant Checklist (Page 2 of this document. Read it. Sign it. Date it.)
 - Statement of financial need (optional)

Each Noyce applicant needs two letters of recommendation from current or former teachers and/or employers. Letters of application should be emailed or mailed directly to Dr. Steve Elliott by the teacher or employer.

Submit documents to Dr. Steve Elliott via email at selliott7@utm.edu or via mail to the following address:

Dr. Steve Elliott
Department of Mathematics and Statistics
341 Latimer-Smith Building
203 Hurt Street
Martin, TN 38238

3. Applicants must be fingerprinted and submit to a criminal background investigation. Instructions are available at <https://www.utm.edu/departments/ess/criminal.php>.

(You are welcome to ask questions about any of the requirements below. Contact Dr. Steve Elliott, eelliott7@utm.edu or Dr. Terry Silver, tsilver@utm.edu.)

If I am selected as a University of Tennessee at Martin Noyce Scholar, I agree to the following:

- ☐ I am a U.S. citizen, national or permanent resident alien
- ☐ I will complete a Master of Science in initial licensure degree at The University of Tennessee at Martin, to include paying the required tuition and fees
- ☐ I will take and pass the Praxis examination required for my educator license endorsement
- ☐ I will submit an edTPA portfolio and pass the associated assessment
- ☐ I will obtain a Tennessee educator license
- ☐ After obtaining an educator license, I will work full-time as a STEM teacher for two years in a school in a high-need local education agency (LEA). For the purposes of the Noyce Scholars Program, an LEA is high-need if at least one elementary or secondary school in the LEA has:
 - a high percentage ($\geq 50\%$) of individuals from families with incomes below the poverty line;
 - a high percentage ($\geq 34\%$) of secondary school teachers not teaching in the content area in which they were trained to teach; or
 - a high ($\geq 15\%$) teacher turnover rate.
- ☐ I give permission to the University of Tennessee at Martin to conduct a Tennessee Bureau of Investigation criminal background check on me
- ☐ I will complete growth mindset training as directed by the principal investigators
- ☐ I will participate in at least 5 of 6 professional learning meetings scheduled during the Noyce recipient's first year of teaching
- ☐ I will initiate at least one post and respond to at least one post on the UTM Noyce Scholarship Program's online support platform during my first year of teaching
- ☐ I will provide evidence of full-time employment as a teacher in a high-need local education agency to the principal investigators by September 1 of each of the two years of required employment as a teacher
- ☐ I will provide the principal investigators with a current address and phone number by September 1 of each of the two years required as employment as a teacher
- ☐ If I fail to complete the requirements before completion of one year of teaching in a high-need LEA, then I will repay the entire \$29,000 stipend to UTM. If I complete one year of required teaching but fail to complete the second year, then I will repay \$14,500 to UTM.

Printed Name	
Signature	
Date	