

## **The Robert Noyce Teacher Scholars Repayable Scholarship Program Background Information**

The Robert Noyce Teacher Scholars Repayable Scholarship Program (hereinafter referred to as the “Repayable Scholarship”) awards funds to a student who:

- is a U.S. citizen or national, or permanent resident alien; and
- is/was enrolled in the last 2 years of a baccalaureate program at The University of California, Santa Cruz, or is a career-change professional recommended by UCSC’s NSF Noyce Teacher Scholars Program partner K-12 school districts, and
- majored in a science, engineering, or mathematics discipline; and
- has or is participating in at least one Cal Teach internship, and
- is seeking to become a secondary science or mathematics teacher in a high need local educational agency; and
- will be enrolled in the combined MA/credential program at the University of California, Santa Cruz.

The Repayable Scholarship is a loan with forgiveness provisions. It becomes repayable if the recipient:

- fails to satisfy the academic requirements of the program for which the funds were awarded; or,
- fails to complete the service requirements of the program.

Interest shall begin to accrue upon the expiration of the Grace Period and shall be at an annual percentage rate of six point eight percent (6.8%) on the unpaid principal balance.

See the Promissory Note for the repayment parameters.

### **The Repayable Scholarship Guidelines:**

The awards will be at least \$10,000 per year; however, no individual will receive a Repayable Scholarship for any year that exceeds the yearly cost of attendance [as defined in section 472 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 10871l)].

Recipients of the Repayable Scholarship must commit to completion of two (2) years of service as a science or mathematics teacher for each year, or the equivalent thereof if prorated, that the Repayable Scholarship is received.

“Qualified Teaching Service” must be completed within eight (8) years after completing the program for which the funding was awarded and must be performed in a “high need local education agency” as defined in section 201 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1021).

A “high need local educational agency” is a local school district that has at least one elementary or secondary school in which there is:

- A. a high percentage of individuals from families with incomes below the poverty line;
- B. a high percentage of secondary school teachers not teaching in the content area in which the teachers were trained to teach; or
- C. a high teacher turnover rate.

The term "poverty line" means the poverty line (as defined by the Office of Management and Budget and revised annually in accordance with section 9902(2) of title 42) applicable to a family of the size involved. Information regarding a list of low-income schools and those with teacher shortages can be found at the U.S. Department of Education’s Federal Perkins Loan Teacher Cancellation website:

<http://studentaid.ed.gov/PORTALSWebApp/students/english/cancelperk.jsp>.

## The Robert Noyce Teacher Scholars Repayable Scholarship Program Promissory Note

**Borrower Information (Completed by the School):**

Last Name	First Name, Middle Initial
Student I.D. Number:	Social Security Number:
Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy):	

**Borrower Information (Completed by the Borrower):**

Permanent Address:	Area Code and Phone Number(s):
Driver's License Number:	Email Address(es):

**Terms and Conditions: (Note: Additional Terms and Conditions follow on subsequent pages)**

For value received, I, \_\_\_\_\_, promise to pay THE REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA (hereinafter called the "Lender") which is located at:

The University of California  
1156 High Street  
Santa Cruz, CA 95064

the sum of the amounts advanced on my behalf under this Robert Noyce Teacher Scholars Repayable Scholarship Program (hereinafter called the "Repayable Scholarship") together with all interest as herein provided, plus all attorneys' fees and other costs and charges necessary for the collection of any amount not paid when due according to the terms of this note.

Date	Amount of Repayable Scholarship Disbursement	Borrower's Initials
December 2017	\$1,500 anticipated	
March 2018	\$1,500 anticipated	

I further understand and agree that:

**GENERAL**

As a Robert Noyce Teacher Scholar, I am: a U.S. citizen or national, or permanent resident alien; and, have completed or will have completed the last two years of a baccalaureate program at the University of California, Santa Cruz, majoring in science, engineering, or mathematics or have been recommended for a Noyce Scholarship by UCSC's Noyce partner school districts; and seeking to perform "Qualified Teaching Service" as defined below, as a secondary science or mathematics teacher in a "high need local educational agency" as defined in section 201 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1021); and, will earn a California Teacher Credential.

I agree to perform Qualified Teaching Service for two (2) years of service for each one (1) year, or equivalent year if prorated, of funding received. I agree to fulfill my Qualified Teaching Service obligation within eight (8) years after completing the program for which the funding was awarded, or to repay the Repayable Scholarship, whichever comes first.

To enjoy the full benefits of the Qualified Teacher Service cancellation provision and thus avoid repayment of any portion of this Repayable Scholarship, I shall fulfill my Qualified Teaching Service obligation within eight (8) years after completing the program for which the funding was awarded.

In addition, I agree to complete and send, by the respective due dates, the required forms, properly certified, to the Lender or its designated agent for each year of Qualified Teaching Service.

The terms of, and disbursements made under, this note, and the service requirements and procedures for requesting postponements and cancellation of the Repayable Scholarship shall be interpreted in accordance with the implementing guidelines developed by the Lender.

**QUALIFIED TEACHING SERVICE**

For Qualified Teaching Service, I will teach mathematics or science in a "high need local education agency," which is a local school district which has at least one elementary school or secondary school in which there is:

- (A) A high percentage of individuals from families with incomes below the poverty line;
- (B) A high percentage of secondary school teachers not teaching in the content area in which the teachers were trained to teach; or,
- (C) A high teacher turnover rate.

The term "poverty line" means the poverty line (as defined by the Office of Management and Budget and revised annually in accordance with section 9902(2) of title 42) applicable to a family of the size involved.

**GRACE PERIOD**

The Grace Period shall expire at least twelve (12) months after the date I complete, or leave, the program in which I am enrolled as a Robert Noyce Teacher Scholar.

**INTEREST**

Interest shall begin to accrue upon the expiration of the Grace Period and shall be at an ANNUAL PERCENTAGE RATE OF SIX POINT EIGHT PERCENT (6.8%) on the unpaid principal balance.

**REPAYMENT**

Subject to the postponement and cancellation provisions of this note, described below, and, except as may be provided in this note, I promise to repay the principal, and the interest that accrues on it, and any other charges for which I am responsible to the Lender over a period beginning upon the expiration of the Grace Period, ending seven (7) years later. I will make **MINIMUM** payments of **\$100.00 per month or \$300 per quarter**. My repayment period may be shorter than seven (7) years if my monthly repayments fully repay the principal and accrued interest in less time. Payments will be applied first to collection costs, then to late charges, followed by accrued interest, and then, finally, to principal.

Periods covered by postponements and cancellations do not extend the repayment period.

### **REQUESTS FOR POSTPONEMENTS**

A postponement will allow me time to secure a position or perform service that meets the criteria for Qualified Teaching Service.

During periods of postponement, billing will stop but interest will continue to accrue. The accrued interest must be repaid unless it is cancelled upon receipt of the appropriately certified and timely submission of the cancellation documentation. A postponement will not extend the period allowed to either complete the Qualified Teaching Service or repay the loan.

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I shall begin submitting the appropriate postponement form to the address listed on the form before the end of my Grace Period. I shall submit the appropriate postponement form annually thereafter until I fulfill my Qualified Teaching Service within the required time frame or indicate my intention to go into repayment.

### **CANCELLATION FOR TEACHING**

Up to one hundred percent (100%) of the amount of my Repayable Scholarship, plus the interest thereon, can be cancelled, if I complete my Qualified Teaching Service for two (2) years for each one (1) year of funding received. The Qualified Teaching Service shall be completed within eight (8) years of leaving the program.

### **CANCELLATION RATE**

If I received funding for only one (1) year, the cancellation rate will be 50% of the original principal amount of the Repayable Scholarship, plus interest thereon, or the remaining balance of the Repayable Scholarship, whichever is less, per one (1) year of Qualified Teaching Service.

However, if I repay all or any part of my unpaid loan balance and accrued interest and then subsequently complete one or more years of Qualified Teaching Service, I will not receive a reimbursement of any amounts I repaid even if such amounts might have otherwise been included in the Qualified Teaching Service cancellation.

### **REQUESTS FOR CANCELLATION**

To receive the cancellation benefits, I shall make a written request to the Lender and submit to the Lender or its designated agent any documentation required to prove, or substantiate, my eligibility for these benefits. **I shall be responsible for submitting the appropriate requests or forms on time.**

While I perform my Qualified Teaching Service, I shall make a written request to the Lender or its designated agent for a postponement which will stop the issuance of billing notices in anticipation of my Qualified Teaching Service cancellation.

My request for postponement shall include the name and address of the school in which I am employed, the school district, and the expected dates of employment.

The granting of the postponement does not constitute automatic eligibility for cancellation, as all of the conditions for cancellation must be met at the time the request for cancellation is made, including completion of a year of full-time Qualified Teaching Service and a timely submission of a properly completed and certified cancellation form.

Postponement for the next year of teaching can be requested as a part of the cancellation request. Postponement request forms need not be certified by the employing school. However, the cancellation request does require certification by the Certifying Official at the school where the Qualifying Teaching Service was performed.

If I am ineligible for the cancellation benefits, I shall be responsible for the immediate repayment of all installments that came due during the period of postponement, unless I still intend to fulfill my Qualified Teaching Service and have time remaining to do so.

### **HARDSHIP DEFERMENT AND OTHER REPAYMENT OPTIONS**

Upon my written request, the Lender may extend the repayment period beyond seven (7) years, if, in its opinion, prolonged illness, unemployment, or other hardship prevents me from making the scheduled repayments. To qualify for a Hardship Deferment I shall submit to the Lender any documentation the Lender requires to prove or substantiate my circumstances. The Lender may permit me to pay less than the minimum monthly repayment rate for a period of not more than one year at a time if I experience a period of hardship. Interest, however, will continue to accrue.

Hardship deferments and other repayment options do not extend the eight-year time frame for fulfilling the Qualified Teaching Service obligation.

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### **LATE CHARGES**

The Lender may impose late charges if I do not make a scheduled payment when due or if I fail to submit to the Lender or its designated agent on or before the due date of the payment, a properly documented, written request for a cancellation benefit; postponement if still eligible; hardship deferment; or other repayment option. Late charges are \$6.00 per month (\$18 per quarter).

### **DEFAULT**

The Lender shall declare my Repayable Scholarship to be in default if I fail to remit full payment when due; if I fail to submit to the Lender or its designated agent, on or before the due date of a scheduled payment, documentation that I qualify for a cancellation; or, if I fail to comply with all of the terms and conditions of this promissory note. Once I am declared in default, the Lender may accelerate my Repayable Scholarship (i.e., demand immediate payment of the entire unpaid balance of the Repayable Scholarship, including principal, interest, late charges, and collections). The Lender shall not be under any obligation to accept or process any requests for postponement or cancellation submitted after the Repayable Scholarship has been declared in default. Upon my default, the Lender may withhold University services, including but not limited to, the release of academic transcripts.

### **CREDIT BUREAU NOTIFICATION**

If the Lender has declared my Repayable Scholarship to be in default, the Lender may disclose the amount of my indebtedness, my repayment history, and other relevant information to credit bureau organizations. I understand that this may significantly and adversely affect my credit rating and my ability to obtain additional credit.

### **FRANCHISE TAX BOARD INTERAGENCY OFFSET PROGRAM**

If the Lender declares my Repayable Scholarship to be in default, the Lender may exercise the right of offset pursuant to California law and shall have the right to obtain all or any portion of any monies due me from the State of California as payment toward the amount of my Repayable Scholarship, or any other amounts due The Regents that are in default.

### **EXIT INTERVIEW**

Prior to graduating or leaving the program in which I am enrolled as a Robert Noyce Teacher Scholar, I shall complete an exit interview with the Lender or its designated agent to update my personal information and to review the terms of my Qualified Teaching Service and the penalties for not fully meeting my service obligation.

**PERSONAL INFORMATION**

I shall provide the Lender or its designated agent with personal information to assist in locating me if I fail to keep the Lender or its designated agent informed of my location. This information shall include, at a minimum, my current address and telephone / cell phone number(s); my permanent address; and, the names, addresses, and telephone / cell phone number(s) of my parents or other close relatives who may be contacted and are likely to know how I can be contacted. I shall also provide other information as requested, including for example: my state driver's license number and expiration date; and the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of other personal references.

**PERSONAL INFORMATION OR STATUS CHANGE**

I shall keep the Lender or its designated agent informed at all times of any changes in my name, Social Security number, address, or telephone / cell phone number(s) until such time that I fully fulfill the Qualified Teaching Service obligation and submit all required paperwork on time, and/or until I fully repay the Repayable Scholarship. I shall also notify, within 15 calendar days, the Lender or its designated agent if I am no longer performing my Qualified Teaching Service.

**AUTHORIZATION**

I authorize the Lender or its designated agent to contact me regarding my loan, including repayment of my loan using the current or future number that I provide for my cellular phone or other wireless device using automated telephone dialing equipment or artificial or pre-recorded voice or text messages.

**DEATH AND DISABILITY CANCELLATION**

If I should die or if I should become permanently and totally disabled, as determined by the Lender, the total amount owed on this Repayable Scholarship shall be cancelled.

**ASSIGNMENT**

I consent to any assignment of Lender's rights and obligations under this note and understand that my rights and responsibilities under this note also apply to any assignee designated by the Lender. I will be notified by the Lender of any sale, transfer, or assignment of this Repayable Scholarship.

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**REPLIES TO SURVEYS / QUESTIONNAIRES**

I agree to reply to surveys and questionnaires conducted by, or on behalf of, the Lender and by program evaluators as part of project-level and program evaluation efforts.

I hereby certify that: (1) I understand that the Robert Noyce Teacher Scholars Repayable Scholarship I am receiving is a loan which must be repaid, in whole or in part, if I fail to satisfy the academic requirements of the program for which the funds were awarded, or fail to complete the Qualified Teaching Service requirements of the program; (2) my rights and obligations under this loan are contained in the above terms and conditions; (3) I have read this promissory note; and (4) I have received a copy of this note.

Borrower's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_