

## NYIT Robert Noyce Teacher Scholarship Application

### Section I. Recipient

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Student ID# \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Birth (mm/dd/yy) \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address \_\_\_\_\_ U.S. Citizen or Permanent Resident Yes No  
Ethnicity \_\_\_\_\_ Gender \_\_\_\_\_

### Section II. Required Materials

- Overall GPA above 3.0 (undergraduate)
- STEM discipline GPA above 3.0
- Minimum of 30 credits in undergraduate concentration (e.g., Biology, Math, Physics, Chemistry)
- Two letters of recommendation
- Personal statement
- Competitive GRE or MAT scores
- Interview with the program chair and faculty

Submit required materials to the [NYIT Admissions Office](#). If you have any questions, please contact Principal Investigator, Hui-Yin Hsu, Ph.D., at [hhsu02@nyit.edu](mailto:hhsu02@nyit.edu) or 516.686.1322.

### Section III. Terms and Conditions

#### A. Purpose of the Scholarship: The Recipient's Service Obligation

In recognition of the critical correlation between teacher quality, including mastery of STEM content knowledge, and student achievement, the NSF Robert Noyce Teacher Scholarship Program, seeks to encourage talented mathematics, science, and engineering students and STEM professionals to pursue teaching careers. Grants to institutions of higher education provide funds for scholarships for STEM students who commit to teaching in high-need K-12 schools. Consistent with the requirements of the funding provided by NSF, the recipient accepts the scholarship with the understanding that it carries with it a service obligation. More specifically, in exchange for the scholarship, the recipient agrees upon graduating from New York Institute of Technology, and completing the teacher certification program, to teach in a "high-need local educational agency" (see definition below and [NSF Program Solicitation](#), Section II-8) for two years for each year of the scholarship assistance. The recipient understands that the period of time for which he or she receives scholarship assistance will be determined in comparison to full-time employment in the teacher preparation program (exclusive of summers). Similarly, the recipient understands that the period of time he or she must teach in a high-need public school will be determined in comparison to what the school district considers to be teaching on a full-time basis. Full-time basis does not include summers or optional intersession periods for those school districts that operate year-round programs. The total service obligation must be completed within six (6) years after graduation from NYIT.

### **B. Recipient's Retention of Scholarship Assistance for Meeting the Service Obligation**

The recipient does not have to repay to the NYIT the scholarship provided with funds under the NSF Grant Award if NYIT determines that the recipient has fulfilled his or her service obligation. To determine that the recipient has met the service obligation, NYIT must receive information to confirm that the recipient, within six (6) years of graduation from NYIT, taught in a high-need local education agency for at least two years for each year the recipient received this scholarship assistance. So that NYIT may obtain the information it needs to make these determinations, the recipient agrees to have the school district in which he or she has taught provide to NYIT information as NYIT may require that confirms: 1. The school in which the recipient has taught is "high-need" as defined in the "Definition of High-Need Local Education Agency" below; and 2. The recipient taught on a full-time basis. Before the recipient graduates, NYIT will provide the recipient written guidance that explains the information the recipient must have the school(s) provide NYIT and the date or dates that this information is due.

[NOTE: To prevent a scholarship recipient becoming liable for repaying the scholarship with interest (as described below) because of a school district's delay in forwarding the required employment information to NYIT, NYIT also will accept employment information directly from the recipient. In this case, within six (6) years of graduation from NYIT, the scholarship recipient must submit to NYIT: 1. A notarized statement that he or she has asked the district(s) to provide the needed information and the date(s) this request was made; and 2. A copy of the personal and employment information each school has been asked to submit. When a scholarship recipient chooses the second option, NYIT's determination that he or she is meeting the service obligation is only provisional. Until each school provides the information, the scholarship recipient retains a continuing responsibility to work to get each school to submit it as soon as possible.]

### **C. Definition of High-Need Local Educational Agency**

The term high-need local educational agency as defined in section 201 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1021) means a local educational agency (e.g., a school district) that serves an elementary or secondary school located in an area which is characterized by at least one of the following:

- 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 they were trained to teach; or
- c. A high teacher turnover rate.

### **D. Repayment for Failure to Meet Service Obligation**

The recipient agrees to repay to NYIT the amount of the scholarship plus interest at the applicable annual federal rate (<https://www.fiscal.treasury.gov/>) if he or she does not: 1. Meet the service obligation or reporting requirements identified above in "Recipient's Retention of Scholarship Assistance for Meeting the Service Obligation;" and 2. Maintain enrollment with [a cumulative GPA of at least 3.0](#) in the program for which the Noyce funds were awarded and successfully participate in all Robert Noyce related curriculum activities; or 3. Receive a waiver or suspension of this obligation as explained below in "Discharge of a Required Payment." If the scholarship recipient does not fulfill his or her service obligation within six (6) years by teaching for two years in a high-need local educational agency for each year he or she received scholarship support, the recipient becomes obligated to fully repay the scholarship with interest as described above within six (6) years after his or her date of

graduation from NYIT. If the scholarship recipient withdraws from NYIT prior to graduation, the recipient becomes obligated to repay the scholarship with interest as described above six (6) months after his or her withdrawal from NYIT.

If upon graduation from NYIT, the scholarship recipient teaches in a high-need local educational agency for a period that is less than the period of his or her service obligation, the recipient becomes responsible for repayment with interest as described above of the percentage of the period for which the service obligation was not fulfilled. Example: An individual receives a scholarship in the total amount of \$10,000 to attend NYIT. The individual graduates from NYIT and works in a high-need local educational agency for one full school year. The individual then moves and takes a teaching position in a school district that is not high-need. If the individual remains in the district that is not high-need, then six (6) years after graduation, the individual has fulfilled one-half of his or her service obligation and so must immediately repay one-half of the scholarship plus interest on that one-half of the scholarship. Until the scholarship recipient either satisfies the service obligation or repays the scholarship, the recipient agrees to provide NYIT a current home address and telephone number and a current work address and telephone number, as well as other needed identifying information. In addition, the recipient understands that NYIT and the high-need local education agency are or will be using the recipient's social security number so that NYIT can, if necessary, secure payment of these amounts from the recipient if he or she fails to meet the service obligation.

**E. Collection of Defaulted Repayment Obligation**

Default will be determined and repayment will be collected as described in this agreement signed by the scholarship recipient at this time. All repaid scholarship funds, less grantee administrative costs associated with collection of the repayment not to exceed 5% of the forfeited amount, will be returned to the United States Treasury.

**F. Discharge of a Required Repayment**

NYIT will waive or suspend an obligation to repay the scholarship of a scholarship recipient who has died or who demonstrates to NYIT's satisfaction that, because of permanent physical or mental disability or some other extraordinary circumstance, he or she is not employable as a teacher. Upon receipt of acceptable documentation and approval of the discharge request, NYIT returns to the scholarship recipient, or for a discharge of death, the recipient's estate, those payments received after the date the eligibility requirements for the discharge were met and prior to the date the discharge was approved. NYIT also returns any payments received after the date the discharge was approved.

**G. Exit Conference**

Before the recipient graduates or withdraws from NYIT, NYIT will provide the recipient an opportunity to review fully the terms and conditions of this scholarship.

**Section IV. Confirmation**

I certify that the information I have provided is truthful and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief. If admitted, I agree to abide by [the NYIT Student Code of Conduct](#) and the rules of the New York Institute of Technology and the Education Division at NYIT School of Interdisciplinary Studies

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and Education. I certify that I have read, understand, and agree to the terms and conditions of this Scholarship agreement.

Signature\_\_\_\_\_ Date\_\_\_\_\_