

Robert Noyce Teacher Fellowship Program
Fullerton Mathematics Teacher and Master Teacher Fellows Fellowship Agreement

The Robert Noyce Teacher Fellowship Program seeks to encourage talented science, technology, engineering, and mathematics majors and professionals to become K-12 mathematics and science teachers. The Noyce Fellowship Track provides funds to institutions of higher education to support fellowships, stipends, and academic programs for undergraduate STEM majors and post-baccalaureate students holding STEM degrees who earn a teaching credential and commit to teaching in high-need K-12 school districts. The NSF Teaching Fellowship/Master Teaching Fellowship Track supports STEM professionals who enroll as NSF Teaching Fellows in master's degree programs leading to teacher certification by providing academic courses, professional development, and salary supplements while they are fulfilling a four-year teaching commitment in a high need school district. This track also supports the development of NSF Master Teaching Fellows by providing professional development and salary supplements for exemplary mathematics and science teachers to become Master Teachers in high need school districts.

Requirements for Master Teaching Fellows

- Recipients of Noyce fellowships funded under NSF DUE-1035315 must be US citizens or nationals, or permanent resident aliens.
- Recipients must hold or be in process of completing by June 2011 a master's degree as well as demonstrate content expertise in mathematics through passage of a nationally recognized assessment.
- Recipients must participate in all activities sponsored by the MT2 program.
- Recipients must participate in program institutes each summer.

Service Requirements

Recipients of this program, NSF Master Teacher Fellows, must commit to completion of service as a mathematics teacher as listed below:

- ✓ NSF Master Teaching Fellows are required to teach for five (5) years in a high need school district and must complete this requirement within seven (7) years of the start of participation in the program.

Service must be completed within the stated timeframe above and must be performed in a high-need local educational agency as defined in section 201 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1021). The term "high need local educational agency" means a local educational agency that serves a secondary school located in an area 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.

Financial Award and Payback Provisions

As per NSF program guidelines and subject to continued funding, Master Teacher Fellows who complete annual program requirements will receive fellowship award stipends totaling \$10,000 per year, paid in two installments annually, for each of five consecutive years for a total of \$50,000 for those who satisfy all program requirements.

As per NSF program guidelines, failure to satisfy the requirements of the program or to complete the service requirement will result in recipient's forfeiture of the fellowship award. Recipients will be obligated to repay the fellowship award on a pro-rated basis that reflects any partial service completed. The formula used to calculate the repayment will be $A = F[(5-s)/5]$ where "A" is the amount CSUF is entitled to recover; "F" is the sum of the total amount paid to the recipient; "5" is the number of years of

service obligation; and "s" is the number of years or fraction of years of such obligation served. Except as noted below in "Conditions for Waiver and Cancellation" any amount that CSUF is entitled to recover is due within 30 days of the date on which CSUF is entitled to recover such amount. After such time, interest will accrue on the outstanding obligation.

Conditions of Waiver and Cancellation

CSUF may waive the repayment obligation, in whole or in part, if it is determined that fulfillment of the service obligation

- (1) would be impossible due to disability of the recipient,
- (2) would result in extreme hardship to the recipient, or
- (3) is determined to not be in the best interest of the school district.

Requests for waivers of repayment obligations must be initiated by the recipient with a certified letter detailing the reasons why a waiver should be given. Additional documentation may be requested. Decisions on waivers of repayment obligations will require a majority vote by the Principal Investigators of the Noyce grant. The Principal Investigator of the grant, or a designee, will respond in writing to requests for waivers by certified mail within 14 days of a request for waiver of repayment obligation.

CSUF will cancel any repayment obligation in the event of the death of the recipient.

Annual Report of Employment-Change of Address and/or Name

Recipients will submit to Dr. Martin Bonsangue, Dr. Mark Ellis or Dr. Ruth Yopp-Edwards:

- (1) current contact information; any changes of name, postal address, or e-mail address during the period of the service obligation and for two years after the fulfillment of the service obligation, and
- (2) annual certification of employment for at least two years beyond the fulfillment of their commitment to teach in high a need school district.

Program Evaluation

- Recipients will participate in evaluation activities during each year of the program and during the service period in order to determine the impact of the Noyce program in meeting its goals of increasing the number of highly qualified mathematics teachers in high need schools in the nation.
- Recipients are expected to cooperate with any third party evaluation of the program as designated by NSF.

I understand and agree to the conditions of the Noyce Fellowship - **Fullerton Mathematics Teacher and Master Teacher Fellows Fellowship** award as presented in this document.

Signature _____ Date _____

Printed Name _____