



Make a Difference! Become a Science Teacher in a Rural School

Apply for **over \$22,000**
through the FHSU
Post-Baccalaureate
STEM Teacher Program



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The National Science Foundation's Robert Noyce Scholarship Program is a collaboration between teacher education, physics, geosciences, chemistry, and biology and is designed to increase the supply of highly qualified middle and high school science teachers.

The **Noyce Scholarship Program** at Fort Hays State University offers three levels of support for prospective teachers.

- The **Noyce Teacher Leader Program** provides financial support for juniors and seniors majoring in science and mathematics fields who are pursuing a teaching career.
- The **Noyce Post-Baccalaureate Program** provides stipends to science majors pursuing a teaching career.
- The **Noyce Summer Scholar Program** provides paid opportunity for students to experience teaching science and mathematics in informal settings such as camps prior to formally pursuing a career in teaching.

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SCIENCE TEACHERS FOR RURAL AMERICA

Fort Hays State University created a post-baccalaureate program to increase the number of secondary science teachers to meet the demand of rural school districts.

Science Teachers for Rural America

A Post-Baccalaureate STEM Teacher Licensure Project

This program is a competitive award program for individuals who have obtained a bachelor's degree in science and are considering a teaching career.

Individuals selected for one of the six awards will receive a **\$22,685** stipend to complete coursework in a special post-baccalaureate program leading to full teaching licensure.

The curriculum will be delivered primarily online with field experiences and student teaching completed in a rural school district.

In addition to preparation for teaching, resources will be provided to support travel to the Kansas Association of Teachers of Science Conference, payment of testing fees, and extended support over the first three years of teaching.



PROJECT SUMMARY

The project objectives are:

- Recruit thirty science professionals to teach in rural environments and support them as they earn their credentials to become science teachers.
- Provide stipends to support an individual's preparation with the knowledge and skills to teach effectively in high-need school districts.
- Support the newly prepared teachers through ongoing mentoring, professional development, and networking activities, including the development of an electronic community of practice focused on place-based teaching strategies.
- Provide options for obtaining multiple subject certification following the initial teacher licensure and/or master's degree.

Who is Eligible to Apply?

Individuals who hold at least a bachelor's degree in:

- Physics
- Chemistry
- Biology
- Geosciences
- Science and Engineering -- visit with us

with an overall 2.75 GPA and a 2.75 GPA in major content area.

What are My Obligations?

- Student teach in a rural school district.
- Complete two years of teaching in a high-needs rural district.
>within eight years of program completion

Where Can I Apply?

Application materials are available online:

www.fhsu.edu/smei/noyce

Deadline: Applications will be reviewed and awarded to qualified candidates as they come in.



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