

Student Mental Health Apprenticeship Retention and Training (SMART) Internship Grant Program for School Psychologists

What is the SMART Internship Grant Program?

The SMART bill is a state-funded “Grow Your Own” program providing paid work experiences and practicum opportunities for School Psychology graduate students to attract more professionals to the field.

- State funds allocate \$25/hour for 20 hours a week, which is equivalent to \$15,000 a year.



Advantages of the SMART Program

- Builds capacity to offer mental health services
- Supports current staff by preventing burnout
- Is a novel solution for immediate and long-term shortage in school psychology departments

SMART School Psychology Graduate Students Can:

1st year: Assist with secretarial roles; Conduct observations and file reviews; Serve as paraprofessional or substitute teacher

2nd year: Schedule and coordinate meetings; Conduct achievement testing; Consultation; Teacher and parent interviews; MTSS and PBIS coaching



How to Build a SMART Internship Program in Your District

Contact a school psychology program director for more information and to connect with students who are interested in participating in the program. Find the list of program directors at: MASPweb.com/SMART

