



DoD Awards \$17.4 Million for Science and Engineering Education

The Acting Director of Defense Research and Engineering George Singly today announced plans to make 128 awards to 64 academic institutions to support graduate student training in science and engineering fields important to national defense.

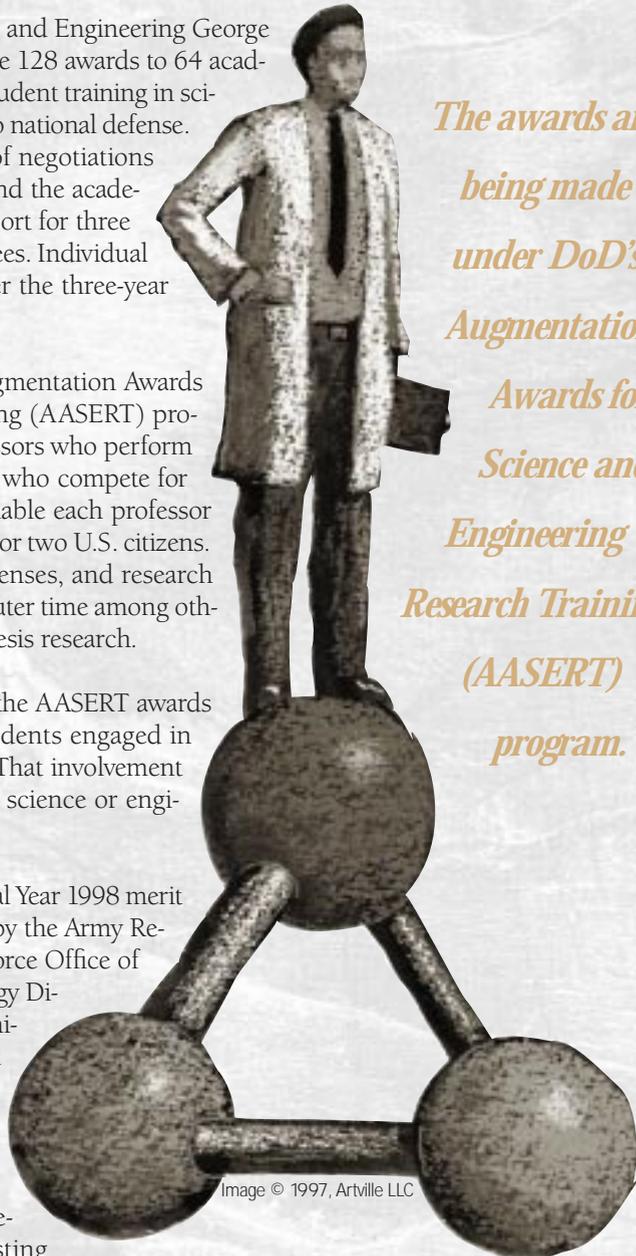
Subject to the successful completion of negotiations between the Department of Defense (DoD) and the academic institutions, the awards will provide support for three years to 141 students pursuing advanced degrees. Individual awards are expected to average \$136,000 over the three-year period.

The awards are being made under DoD's Augmentation Awards for Science and Engineering Research Training (AASERT) program. The AASERT awards are made to professors who perform research under DoD contracts or grants, and who compete for additional AASERT funding. These awards enable each professor to award graduate research traineeships to one or two U.S. citizens. Each traineeship supports tuition, living expenses, and research expenses (materials, shop services, and computer time among others) connected with the graduate student's thesis research.

In addition to supporting graduate students, the AASERT awards will involve more than 50 undergraduate students engaged in DoD-sponsored university research projects. That involvement is designed to stimulate interest in advanced science or engineering studies.

Today's announcement is the result of the Fiscal Year 1998 merit competition for AASERT funding conducted by the Army Research Office, Office of Naval Research, Air Force Office of Scientific Research, and Science and Technology Directorate of the Ballistic Missile Defense Organization. The DoD research offices solicited AASERT proposals from university researchers currently performing DoD research, and invited researchers without current DoD support to submit proposals for both DoD research funding and AASERT augmentation. The research offices received 723 proposals requesting more than \$130 million for research training

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