

# ***Nonproliferation Graduate Program*** **Security Clearance Acknowledgment Form**

Applicants selected for participation in the Nonproliferation Graduate Program must be eligible to obtain a U. S. Department of Energy (DOE) security clearance, which is an essential requirement of the program. As such, applicants will be subject to a Federal background investigation and must meet eligibility requirements for access to classified matter. An applicant hired specifically for a position that will require an access authorization (security clearance) will not be placed in that position prior to the access authorization being granted by DOE, unless a waiver has been obtained from DOE.

As part of the investigative process, the applicant will be required to complete an SF-86 Questionnaire for National Security Positions (QNSP). The questions in the QNSP not only cover identity, education, employment, residences, and references, but also cover allegiance to the United States, foreign influence and associations, financial status, substance abuse, emotional/mental/personality disorders, criminal conduct, security violations, and outside activities. It is the responsibility of the applicant to cooperate by providing full, frank, and truthful answers to all questions. This information will also determine whether or not a waiver to policy is granted, thus allowing the applicant to be placed in a position prior to the access authorization being formally granted.

When information contained in investigative reports, or the receipt of other reliable information, raises a question concerning an applicant's access authorization eligibility, additional actions may be authorized for collecting relevant information pertaining to the eligibility requirements. These additional actions may significantly increase the time required for a final determination of access eligibility. The ultimate determination of whether the granting or continuing of eligibility for a security clearance is clearly consistent with the interests of national security will be an overall common sense determination based upon careful consideration of the above information by DOE.

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***By my signature below I acknowledge that I have read and understand the above security clearance information***

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