

**George Mason University
Federally-Funded DOCTORAL GRANT**

- **Major in Special Education**
- **Minor in newly-developed cognate on Special Education Leadership**

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Financial and Service Obligations for Grant Participants

Grant recipients commit two years of service in the special education field for every year they receive federal grant support. Grant recipients who do not complete the program are obligated to repay dollars they received.

The Financial and Service Obligations are serious areas that we want to be very clear about what you are agreeing to if you are offered and accept this doctoral grant. You will be required to sign a Letter of Agreement that notes the following:

For each academic year* scholars receive assistance they must maintain full-time employment for the equivalent of two years or repay the Federal Government for the assistance they received that is not repaid through service.

...if they received assistance to support leadership preparation activities, scholars must perform work related to their preparation.

*An academic year means a full-time course of study.

Source: Frequently Asked Questions Regarding the Final Regulations Implementing Section 673(h) of the Amendments to the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act of 1997, i.e., Service Obligation and Repayment Requirements

If you know now that you cannot commit to the service obligation, you should not apply for this grant. If you are selected for the grant, you must sign a Letter of Agreement noting you are aware of and agree to the federal requirements for the service obligation and repayment requirements.