

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

National Security Studies Program

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NATIONAL SECURITY STUDIES PROGRAM

The National Security Studies Program (NSSP) is designed to prepare future leaders of civilian agencies for high-level policy, command, and staff responsibilities. The NSSP focuses on international environments and commercial partnerships. All students successfully completing the program are awarded a master's degree.

Program Cycle: A ten-month program that **begins August 2010 and concludes in June 2011.**

Target Audience: DOE employees in the following fields are encouraged to apply safeguards and security, international affairs, nonproliferation, emergency managers, infrastructure specialists, economic advisors, information and resource managers.

Requirements for Attendance: Federal employees at the GS/GM-14 or GS/GM-15 levels or equivalent grade levels with a baccalaureate degree and who have career/career-conditional status and are serving in permanent, full-time competitive appointments.

Benefits to DOE: The program prepares Federal civilians for high-level policy, command, and staff responsibilities. Candidates will gain valuable experience in Leadership, Information Strategy, National Security Studies, Military Strategy, Logistics, Economics, Industry Studies, and much more. This experience will help produce capable and exceptionally prepared professionals for the Department.

Benefits to the Student: All students who complete the program receive a Masters of Science in National Resource Strategy. Students will have an opportunity to travel abroad for industry studies. Students are offered a wide and interesting variety of electives, and the opportunity to intermingle with the multi-agency student body at the Industrial College of the Armed Forces (ICAF) and/or the National War College (NWC). Students may also choose the Information Operation Concentration (IOC) or the Senior Acquisition Course (SAC) concentration. The Information Operation Concentration is supervised by the faculty of the Information Resources Management College, and allows selected students to concentrate in the role of the information component of national power through electives and field studies. The Senior Acquisition Course (SAC) is the preeminent course for members of the Acquisition Corps. The course is designed to prepare selected military officers and civilians for senior leadership and staff positions throughout the acquisition community. Students participating in the SAC will have the opportunity to undertake a major research project and produce a fully documented, scholarly paper.

Cost: The \$75,000 tuition is waived for this program. There are no direct training costs, however, the participant's organization will be responsible for travel and per diem cost if the selectee is outside the DC area.

Nomination Procedures and Due Date: Please contact us if you wish to submit an application. [Johnny McChriston](#), Human Resources Team Lead, Office of Learning and Workforce Development, Enterprise Training Services at (505) 245-2134 or, Johnny.McChriston@hq.doe.gov. Also contact Jessica.Dishta@hq.doe.gov, or call her at 505-245-2116. Nomination packages are due by **February 26, 2010.**

Detailed information is available on the National Defense University Homepage: <http://www.ndu.edu/>, or specifically the [National War College](#) webpage and the [Industrial College of the Armed Forces \(ICAF\)](#) webpage.