FY2021 National Defense Science and Engineering Graduate Fellowship Program
Application Period: 3 August – 4 December 2020

The DoD National Defense Science and Engineering Graduate (NDSEG) Fellowship Program was established in 1989 by direction of Congress and sponsored by the Army, Navy and Air Force. The Fellowship serves as a means of increasing the number of U.S. citizens trained in science and engineering disciplines of military importance. The program is a highly competitive fellowship awarded to qualified U.S. citizens, U.S. nationals, and U.S. dual citizens who intend to pursue a Doctoral degree in one of the disciplines relevant to the DoD listed below, at a US institution of their choice.

The Fellowship pays for full tuition and all mandatory fees, a monthly stipend, travel, and health insurance.

An applicant’s degree program must align with the following broad research area disciplines:

- Aeronautical and Astronautical Engineering
- Biomedical Engineering
- Biosciences (Includes Toxicology)
- Chemical Engineering
- Chemistry
- Civil Engineering
- Cognitive, Neural, And Behavioral Sciences
- Computer and Computational Sciences
- Electrical Engineering
- Geosciences (Includes Terrain, Water, And Air)
- Materials Science and Engineering
- Mathematics
- Mechanical Engineering
- Naval Architecture and Ocean Engineering (Includes Undersea Systems)
- Oceanography (Includes Ocean Acoustics, Remote Sensing, And Marine Meteorology)
- Physics (Including Optics)
- Space Physics

The Government may revise the aforementioned disciplines annually to ensure relevancy to the Defense mission is maintained.

Applications are encouraged from women, persons with disabilities and minorities, including members of ethnic minority groups such as Native American, African American, Hispanic American, Native Alaskan (Eskimo and Aleut) or Pacific Islander (Polynesian or Micronesian).

Applicants must be U.S. citizens or U.S. nationals. Dual citizens may apply. Eligible applicants will have completed their undergraduate studies prior to commencement of the Fellowship in September 2021, and must have at least 3 years remaining in their Ph.D. program.

How to Apply

- Check Your Eligibility
- Create an Application Account
- Prepare Proposal and Essay
- Find 3 References
- Complete Online Application

Program Resources

INFORMATION SITE: https://ndseg.sysplus.com

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