

National Defense University Dwight D Eisenhower School For National Security And Resource Strategy



Under the direction of the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, National Defense University (NDU) is the nation's preeminent education institution for advanced national security strategy and leadership development.

NDU's Eisenhower School for National Security and Resources Strategy prepares select leaders for strategic leadership and success. The program awards its graduates a Master of Science in National Security and Resource Strategy. The Eisenhower School's intensive curriculum focuses on national security studies, economics, defense strategy, resourcing, acquisition, the global industrial base, and strategic leadership.

The Private Sector Fellows Program:

- Develops leaders who will understand the need for a healthy defense industrial base and promote national security innovation.
- Prepares leaders who develop successful national security strategies to evaluate, marshal, and manage resources in executing that strategy.
- Enhances industry and government relationships to improve the security of the United States and our allied partners.
- Provides an internationally recognized gathering place for thought leadership in the resource component of national security strategy.

NDU-ES Student Demographics



56% Senior Military Officers from all services

34% DoD, DoS, and 10 other federal agencies

- Air Force
- Army
- Coast Guard
- DOD Civilians
- International
- Marines
- Navy
- Non-DOD Civilians
- Private Sector
- Space Force

Contact the NDU Private Sector Department for more information at ES.PSF@NDU.edu

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PRIVATE SECTOR FELLOWS (PSF) – A UNIQUE ACCESS POINT

Eisenhower's Private Sector Fellows Program offers an exclusive cadre of private sector leaders the opportunity to participate in Eisenhower's Master's program and establish national security eminence, develop profound industry insights, influence national security policy and cultivate professional relationships with leadership across Government.



2025 PRIVATE SECTOR FELLOWS



McKinsey
& Company



Booz
Allen.

PSF Program Fast Facts



Tuition: \$28,000

Full-Time 10-Month
Program (Aug – Jun)

Located in Washington,
D.C. at NDU on Fort
McNair

Master of Science in
National Security and
Resource Strategy

Private Sector Fellow Requirements

- Employed by an eligible private sector firm, and remain employed during their time at NDU
- Hold a Bachelor's degree from an accredited university
- Meet security/background investigation requirements (National Agency Check, with Inquiries – performed by NDU)

CORE CURRICULUM COMPONENTS

Strategic Leadership Foundations
National Security and Policy
Economics of National Security
Military Strategy
Strategic Acquisition and Resourcing
Industry Analysis
Industrial Mobilization and Competition

CONCENTRATIONS

Global Supply Chain and Logistics
Senior Acquisition Course

INDUSTRY STUDIES

Advanced Manufacturing
Aircraft
Artificial Intelligence
Biotechnology
C4ISR
Electromagnetic Warfare
Energy
Environment & Climate
Finance
Ground Combat Systems

Information & Cyberspace
Maritime
Microelectronics
Nuclear Triad
Organic Industrial Base
Robotics & Autonomous Systems
Space
Strategic Materials
Transportation & Logistics
Weapons

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Information for Prospective Candidates

Why does the private sector participate in this program?

While this degree has traditionally been reserved for our nation's most elite military and GS leaders, NDU has specifically selected private sector companies to send a student to represent their company perspective during the 2025 – 2026 academic year. This opportunity will allow private sector students an unprecedented avenue to establish national security eminence, develop profound industry insights, and cultivate lasting professional relationships with military leadership.

What degree will I receive from this program?

Upon completion of the 10-month program, the Eisenhower School awards its graduates an accredited Master of Science degree in National Security and Resource Strategy.

What is the duration of the program?

The program is 10- months in duration, from August 2025 – June 2026.

Is coursework completed in person or virtually?

The program requires full-time, in-person participation in the DC area from August 2025 – June 2026.

How can I learn more about the program curriculum?

The program curriculum focuses on national security studies, economics, defense strategy, resourcing, acquisition, the global industrial base, and strategic leadership. For more specifics on the program, please visit: <https://es.ndu.edu/>

What is my company delivery workload during the academic year?

This program is highly intensive and condenses 2 years of Master's coursework into 10 months; therefore, private sector students should not be tasked with additional delivery workload during this 10-month period.

What is the cost of this program?

The tuition is \$28,000. Generally, the private sector company will cover the cost of tuition for their Private Sector Fellow.

How do I apply?

You must be nominated by your company. If you are nominated by your company, your company will connect you with the NDU Private Sector Department to initiate your NDU application with the NDU Registrar.

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