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MEMORANDUM FOR ALL FSSs, RIO Detachments, AIs & JIs

FROM: HQ ARPC/CC
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SUBJECT: Academic Year (AY) 2021 – 2022 RDEDB Convening Notice and Invitation to Apply Information. **ARPC SUSPENSE: 28 September 2020.**

1. The AY21/22 Reserve Developmental Education Designation Board (RDEDB) will convene 26 - 30 October 2020 at Headquarters Air Reserve Personnel Center, Buckley Air Force Base, Colorado. In order to be considered by this board, it is imperative that all applicants and endorsers read and comply with the instructions outlined in Attachment 1. **ARPC suspense/deadline is 28 September 2020, NLT 1630 MT. Late applications will not be accepted.**
2. The RDEDB is convened to identify the best-qualified officers for in-residence developmental course placement. Board members will evaluate applicants based on the whole person concept, which includes depth and breadth of military experience. In addition, applicants will be evaluated on responsibilities that capitalize on the member's attendance at a specified course as well as their demonstrated professional and leadership qualities. The RDEDB process complements the Air Force Reserve Force Development construct by aligning the best qualified applicants with selected courses. All school board selections will be based on the needs of the Air Force Reserve followed by consideration for the individual's school preferences.
3. Please ensure this message is given widest possible dissemination. All officers, raters, and additional raters should be familiar with the process for submitting applications for courses.
4. For questions relating to the RDEDB process, please consult the attached application information first. Further questions can be addressed by calling the Total Force Service Center (TFSC) at 1-800-525-0102.

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Attachment 1: AY21/22 Reserve Developmental Education Designation Board (RDEDB)

Application Information

1. Application Process. Applicants must submit a nomination package through Virtual Personnel Center (vPC) by the application deadline (**28 September 2020, 1630 MT**). Access the application by logging into vPC, select the Action Request Tab, and then click on the RDEDB link. **Incomplete or late applications will not be accepted.**

1.1. Eligibility and Waivers

1.1.1. Fitness. Each applicant must have a current and passing fitness assessment upon submission of their application to their rater. The report must be obtained from the Air Force Fitness Management System II (AFFMS II) via the individual "Fitness Tracker" report and attached to the application in PDF format. The "I AM FIT" report **will not** be accepted.

1.1.2. Participation Summary. Applicants must have satisfactory participation for the last 5 years. Satisfactory participation is defined as a minimum of 50 points per R/R year. Applicants with less than 5 years' time-in-service **are not required** to submit a waiver.

1.1.3. Mandatory Separation Date (MSD). The Mandatory Separation Date is the calendar date on which a service member must either be discharged or retired from military service based on mandatory service time, grade, and age criteria. An applicant's MSD must not be prior than MSD requirements for each course listed in Attachment 2, Course Descriptions.

1.1.4. Total Federal Commissioned Service Date (TFCSD). TFCSD includes all periods of federally recognized commissioned service, whether active or inactive duty. Chaplains, Legal, Medical Corps, Dental Corps, and Nurse Corps officers applying for AWC or ACSC may exceed the maximum TFCSD by number of years of constructive service credit. The TFCSD requirement for each course can be found within Attachment 2, Course Descriptions.

1.1.5. Service Commitment. All members who attend IDE, SDE, or ASG courses in-residence will incur a 3-year reserve service commitment upon completion.

1.1.6. Time on Station (TOS). AGR applicants must have 2 years TOS prior to course start date.

1.1.7. Voluntary Limited Period of Active Duty (VLPAD). Members serving on a VLPAD tour are eligible as long as they have an established tour end date and an approved/signed AF Form 1288 identifying a gain action to a SelRes position prior to course start date. The signed 1288 must be included as a PDF attached to the application in vPC.

1.1.8. Prior In-Residence School Selects. Applicants who were selected and attended IDE/SDE in-residence are not eligible for subsequent courses *within the same category* (does not apply to SAASS).

1.1.9. Waivers. Waivers must be submitted along with the application for insufficient Participation, TOS, MSD, and/or TFCSD. For a waiver template refer to myPers: <https://mypers.af.mil/app/categories/c/549/p/17>.

1.2. Disqualifying Factors. Applicants are not eligible to apply if they have any of the following indicators.

1.2.1. Current Unfavorable Information File (UIF).

1.2.2. No Passing Fitness Assessment.

1.2.3. Not meeting the prerequisites/eligibility requirements for a course.

1.2.4. Incomplete/improperly coordinated application.

1.2.5. Twice deferred for promotion as defined by Title 10 U.S.C., Section 14501.

1.2.6. Participating Individual Ready Reserve (PIRR) members cannot apply.

1.3. Course Selection. Applicants may apply to multiple courses. Courses should be prioritized by specifying the attendance date and/or course preference per the selection fields within the application. Applicants should only choose courses they're interested in attending. Applicants are no longer required to choose and prioritize all IDE/SDE categorized courses.

1.4. Application Comments. Comments from the applicant and each endorser are mandatory. Comments must be clear, concise, and in bullet format rather than in paragraph form (limit 1500 characters).

1.4.1. Applicant. Justification should include their desire to attend specific course(s) and address potential for academic success, potential as a Reserve ambassador, future leadership potential, and assessment of AFR's Return on Investment from course attendance.

1.4.2. Rater and Wg/CC (or equivalent). Comments should assess the member's potential for academic success, potential as a Reserve ambassador, future leadership potential, and assessment of AFR's Return on Investment. It's recommended that raters provide stratification for specified schools from within the unit's applicant pool (example "My #1/5 Lt Col's nominated to attend a RDEDB opportunity"). **Raters and Senior Raters should thoroughly evaluate course selection(s) to ensure members are applying for courses appropriate for their Core ID, rank, career path and development timeline.**

1.5. Application Withdrawal Procedures. Once an application is submitted to ARPC, applicants wishing to withdraw their application must submit a myPers ticket or email request to ARPC Force Development Team at arpc.dpaf.rdedb@us.af.mil.

1.6. Dual Board Consideration. If a member has applied for school tour consideration through both the Reserve Developmental Education Designation Board (RDEDB) and the Reserve School Selection Board (RSSB), and is deemed a RDEDB select, the RDEDB selection quota will take precedence and the member's RSSB application will be removed from consideration. If a member is currently enrolled in an IDE or SDE school tour, they can apply for RSSB courses that occur after their graduation date.

2. Board Process. Along with the vPC application, the board will review each applicant's Officer Performance Reports (OPRs), Reserve-Officer Development Plan (R-ODP), Development Team (DT) Vectors, Decorations, Academic Education, Assignment History, and Fitness History.

2.1. Records Update. Applicants must ensure their records are current prior to the application deadline. Members can verify their records in PRDA and/or vMPF. For assistance with record updates contact your local CSS/MPF or refer to myPers article at, https://mypers.af.mil/app/answers/detail/a_id/14763/kw/update%20decoration/p/18.

3. Funding. All DE in-residence courses boarded through the RDEDB are centrally-funded by HQ AFRC. TRs, IMAs, AGRs, and ARTs (attending in military status) course and travel are centrally-funded with authorized PCS entitlements. ART members who attend in civilian status will be funded by unit O&M funds.

4. Billets While Attending School. DE in-residence attendance is considered a PCS for all reserve members and will be provided PCS orders to school. However, not all members will be removed from the billet they occupied prior to school.

4.1. School Billets (TR, ART, IMA). TR, ART, and IMA students will continue to occupy the billet they occupied prior to PCSing.

4.2. School Billets (AGRs). AGRs will vacate the billet they occupied prior to attending school and will be assigned to a student billet under AF/RE. School orders will reflect a permanent change of assignment from current unit/organization to AF/RE, with duty at the school attending. Additionally, duty title and DAFSC should reflect as student status.

5. Student Out-placement. All applicants should understand the in-resident assignment facilitation process prior to submitting an application for a course.

5.1. Student Assignment Facilitation Process. ARPC Force Development Division, Career Field Managers (CFMs), and AFR senior leaders facilitate post-graduation follow-on assignments based on the needs of the AFR, and students' assignment desires. *Students are required to seek, and apply to follow-on assignments*, and to clearly communicate their placement desires to their CFM and assignment facilitator throughout the academic year.

5.2. Student Assignment Facilitation Panel. Co-chaired by AF/RE-D and AFRC/CV and comprised of panel members including NAF/CCs, CFMs, AF/REG, RIO/CC, ARPC/CC, and Senior Leaders. Students who were in AGR status prior to school *are required* to accept a follow-on assignment and *cannot return* to their previous position. If not, that student may be transferred to the IRR. It is a reasonable expectation that all others (TR, IMA, ART) will either accept a new position post-graduation, or will return to their previous position with AFRC/CD and AF/RE-D approval.

6. Points of Contact. Members should direct questions concerning RDEDB applications to their respective chain of command before contacting ARPC. If further clarification is required, members should submit a myPers Incident/Message or email a request to the ARPC Developmental Education Team at arpc.dpaf.rdedb@us.af.mil.

7. User Guide. Navigate to the following links for access to a step-by-step "Instructions to Apply" video, Application User Guide, and FAQs:

ARPC: <https://www.arpc.afrc.af.mil/force-development/>

myPers: <https://mypers.af.mil/app/categories/c/549/p/17>

Table 1: AY21/22 RDEDB Routing Sequence for Applications

| *ROUTING SEQUENCE | 1st Level | 2nd Level | Final Level |
|--|------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| SQ/GP/WG Level | Rater | Senior Rater | ARPC |
| IMA | Rater | Senior Rater | ARPC |
| NAF | Rater | Senior Rater | ARPC |
| HQ ARPC | Rater | Senior Rater | ARPC |
| HQ RIO, RIO Detachment | Rater | Senior Rater | ARPC |
| HQ AFRC, HAF, AF/RE, and Other DOD Agencies | Rater | Senior Rater | ARPC |

Additional Information:

1. Application routing should closely emulate the evaluations routing chain.
2. If the Rater is also the Senior Rater (Wg CC or Equivalent), the 2nd Level of routing does not apply. Also, the Rater must select the “yes, he/she is also the Senior Rater” and follow the appropriate steps for the Senior Rater role.
3. Members assigned to Joint or Combatant Command billets who have raters/senior raters in sister services *may* choose to have their applications routed through the corresponding AF Element (*IMAs may choose to coordinate their application through their respective RIO Det*).
4. Wg/CCs will serve as Senior Rater for all applicants at SQ/GP/WG Level in the grade of O-4/O-4 selects, unless the unit is a direct report to the NAF, in which case the Final Endorser will be the first O-6 in the applicant’s rating chain.
5. NAF/CC coordination is required on applications for members who are assigned to a NAF staff position and on all O-5 and above applicants, who are assigned to a SQ/GP/WG Level.

Table 1.2: Suggested Routing Timeline for Applications

| SUGGESTED ROUTING FOR APPLICANT, COORDINATORS, AND REVIEW ROLE | | | | |
|---|------------------|------------------|------------------|--------------------------|
| ROUTING TIMELINE | 1st Level | 2nd Level | 3rd Level | Submitted to ARPC |
| | 27 July | 14 August | 31 August | NLT 28 September |

Attachment 2: AY21/22 RDEDB Course Descriptions

Table 1: AY21/22 RDEDB - INTERMEDIATE DEVELOPMENTAL EDUCATION (IDE) COURSES

| Course | Description | Requirements | Start Dates / Length / Location |
|---|--|--|--|
| Air Command and Staff College (ACSC) Primary: 13 | Air Command and Staff College prepares field grade officers of all services, international officers, and US civilians to assume positions of higher responsibility within the military and other government arenas. The course is geared toward teaching the skills necessary for air and space operations in support of a joint campaign as well as leadership and command. See specific course requirements before applying. Course Information: http://www.airuniversity.af.mil/ACSC.aspx | Grade: O-4 No AFSC restrictions <u>Notes:</u> 1-4 Grants JPME I Credit MSD: Cannot be prior to 30 Jun 2025 TFSCD: Maj – less than 18yrs | Course Dates: Aug 2021 – Jun 2022 Length: 10 Months Location: Maxwell AFB, AL |
| Course | Description | Requirements | Start Dates / Length / Location |
| Army Command & General Staff College (CGSC) Primary: 5 | Army Command & General Staff College educates and trains intermediate level Army Officers, International Officers, Sister Service Officers, and Interagency leaders to operate in full spectrum Army, joint, interagency, and multinational operations as field grade commanders and staff officers. See specific course requirements before applying. Course Information: http://usacac.army.mil/organizations/cace/cgsc | Grade: O-4 No AFSC restrictions <u>Notes:</u> 1-4 Grants JPME I Credit MSD: Cannot be prior to 30 Jun 2025 TFSCD: Maj – less than 18yrs | Course Dates: Aug 2021 – Jun 2022 Length: 10 Months Location: Ft Leavenworth, KS |

| Course | Description | Requirements | Start Dates / Length / Location |
|--|--|---|---|
| <p>Marine Command & Staff College (MCSC)</p> <p>Primary: 3</p> | <p>Marine Command and Staff College educates and trains its joint, multinational, and interagency professionals in order to produce skilled warfighting leaders able to overcome diverse 21st Century security challenges through the study of history, language, and culture. See specific course requirements before applying.</p> <p>Course Information: http://www.mcuf.org/mcu_csc.html</p> | <p>Grade: O-4</p> <p>No AFSC restrictions</p> <p>Notes: 1-4 Grants JPME I Credit</p> <p>MSD: Cannot be prior to 30 Jun 2025</p> <p>TFSCD: Maj – less than 18yrs</p> | <p>Course Dates: Aug 2021 – Jun 2022</p> <p>Length: 10 Months</p> <p>Location: Quantico, VA</p> |
| Course | Description | Requirements | Start Dates / Length / Location |
| <p>Advanced Study of Air Mobility (ASAM)</p> <p>Primary: 1</p> | <p>The objective of the ASAM program is to build a core of experts in joint logistics, prepare future leaders for air mobility operations, and to serve as key mobility advisors to warfighting commanders. Each graduate's expertise is developed in the areas of Joint Transportation, Joint Logistics Management, and Joint Planning through an Air Force Institute of Technology (AFIT) Master of Science in Logistics degree. In addition to the degree portion, the ASAM program also incorporates site visits to global DoD and commercial entities as well as USAF EOS academic courses such as Advanced Air Mobility Operations, Contingency Response Planning, Air Operations Center, and Director of Mobility Forces. The ASAM program is 13 months long and involves a PCS move to Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, New Jersey. ASAM graduates will receive a permanent advanced academic degree (AAD) code (1ATK) in their records identifying them as mobility experts.</p> <p>Course Information: https://eim.amc.af.mil/org/afec/student/pages/ASAM%20Degree%20Program.aspx</p> | <p>Grade: O-4</p> <p>AFSC authorized to apply: 11/12M, 21A, 21R</p> <p>Notes: 1-2, 7</p> <p>MSD: Cannot be prior to 30 Jun 2025</p> <p>TFSCD: Maj – less than 18yrs</p> | <p>Course Dates: May 2021 – Jun 2022</p> <p>Length: 11 Months</p> <p>Location: Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, NJ</p> |

| Course | Description | Requirements | Start Dates / Length / Location |
|---|---|--|--|
| Air Force Legislative Fellowship (AFLF) Primary: 2 | <p>The Air Force Legislative Fellowship offers instruction and hands-on experience on Capitol Hill through education and development activities consisting of: an intensive orientation of Congress; a full-time assignment to the staff of a member, committee, or support agency of Congress in Washington D.C.; and periodic seminars throughout the fellowship. The program also provides an outstanding opportunity to write and develop research for potential legislation issues of immediate or ongoing concern for the Air Force and the nation. The officer will develop an enhanced perspective of the legislative process on a wide range of issues and will work under the auspices of HQ SAF/LL throughout the AF Legislative Fellowship cycle. See specific course requirements before applying.</p> <p>Course Information: http://www.au.af.mil/au/afri/aff/</p> | Grade: O-4 No AFSC restrictions Notes: 1-2, 5 MSD: Cannot be prior to 31 Dec 2025 TFSCD: Maj – less than 18yrs | Course Dates: Aug 2021 – Dec 2022 Length: 17 Months Location: Capitol Hill, Washington DC |
| Course | Description | Requirements | Start Dates / Length / Location |
| National Intelligence University (NIU) Primary: 3 | <p>National Intelligence University educates future leaders of the intelligence and national security communities who are full partners with their policy planning and operations counterparts, and who are able to anticipate and tailor the intelligence required at the national, theater, and tactical levels. See specific course requirements before applying.</p> <p>Course Information: http://ni-u.edu/wp/academics/schools/college-of-strategic-intelligence/master-of-science-of-strategic-intelligence/</p> | Grade: O-4 No AFSC restrictions Notes: 1-2, 8 Grants JPME I Credit (Track Specific Only, will be determined at school house) MSD: Cannot be prior to 30 Jun 2025 TFSCD: Maj – less than 18yrs | Course Dates: Aug 2021 – Jul 2022 Length: 11 Months Location: Bolling AFB, Bethesda, MD |

| Course | Description | Requirements | Start Dates / Length / Location |
|--|---|---|---|
| Air Officer Commanding (AOC) Primary: 1 | <p>Air Officer Commanding is a unique IDE and Cadet Squadron Command opportunity. Select will attend the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs to obtain a master's in counseling and gain in-residence IDE credit. Following the academic year, the outplacement assignment will be to command a squadron at the USAFA Cadet Wing. See specific course requirements before applying.</p> <p>Scope of Responsibility: Commands through unique role as principal advisor and role model to cadet chain of command. Responsible to help guide the cadet chain of command in maintaining high standards of discipline, developing unit esprit de corps and implementing training programs following operational USAF practices. Responsible for developing cadets into officers. Coordinates training and instructional programs. Controls unit integration of instructional training, military training, drill and ceremonies, formal and informal social events, and a wide variety of extracurricular activities involving the Academy staff, faculty, and cadets. Monitors unit performance in all Academy athletic programs, including intramural, recreational sports and physical fitness programs. Counsels & evaluates cadets. Aids them through academic, conduct, aptitude, athletic or honor probation by establishing a formal rehabilitation program. Maintains records and documentation to support evaluations and recommendations as it relates to their military performance, commissioning suitability, recommendations to review committee boards, leadership positions, and order of merit among peers. Assesses cadet aptitude for commissioned service. Advises other Academy agencies of the status and capabilities of each cadet.</p> <p>Course Information: https://www.usafa.edu/aoc-mp/</p> | <p>Grade: O-4 *Members that meet the O-5 board while serving in this position will not be allowed to pin-on or curtail orders</p> <p>No AFSC restrictions</p> <p>Notes: 1-2, 6</p> <p>MSD: Cannot be prior to 30 Jun 2027</p> <p>TFSCD: Maj – less than 18yrs</p> | <p>Course Dates: Jun 2021 – Jun 2024</p> <p>Length: 10 Months (academic pgm); 2-year follow-on at USAFA</p> <p>Location: USAFA, Colorado Springs, CO</p> |

Notes:

1. Must be a pinned on Major before class start date and have a projected DOR in MilPDS NLT 30 Sep 20.
2. Selects will participate in the student assignment facilitation process; assignments are based on the needs of the AFR.
3. Joint PME I credit awarded upon course completion.
4. SECRET clearance is required for attendance, however, TS/SCI may allow for wider range of choices for elective course selection.
5. Air Force Legislative Fellowship Program Specifics:
 - JPME Phase I IS NOT awarded upon completion of the AF Legislative Fellowship program. Although not a pre-requisite to attending this course, students MUST complete ACSC-DL to receive JPME I credit.
 - Select will be outplaced into a mandatory 3 year Active Duty follow-on tour (Complies w/Title 10 USC 2603 Acceptance of fellowships, scholarships or grants: (b) Each member of the armed forces who accepts a fellowship IAW subsection (a) before he is permitted to undertake the education or training contemplated by that fellowship agree in writing that, after he completes the education or training he will serve on active duty for a period at least three times

the length of the period of the education or training.) Active duty follow-on assignment can be served in any active duty status to include: AGR, VLPAD, RPA, MPA.

- Member and rater must acknowledge member may remain out of career field for up to 4.5 years (18 mo program + 3 years ADSC).
- Application for this course *must* include an Air Force formatted biography; inclusion of not more than 3 letters of recommendation is optional.
- If selected as a candidate you will be required to have a face-to-face board in Washington DC before final course selection.

6. AOC Program Specifics:

- JPME I credit IS NOT awarded upon completion of AOC. Students MUST complete ACSC-DL *as a pre-requisite* to receive JPME I credit.
- Select will be assessed onto a 3 year AGR tour prior to beginning the master's program at UCCS.
- Member cannot promote to O-5 while assigned to this position nor curtail orders for promotion purposes.
- Application for this course *must* include an Air Force formatted biography; inclusion of not more than 3 letters of recommendation is optional.

7. ASAM Program Specifics:

- JPME I credit IS NOT awarded upon completion of ASAM. Students MUST complete ACSC-DL to receive JPME Phase I credit.
- TS/SCI security clearance REQUIRED for attendance & MUST be obtained prior to class start date.
- Applicants MUST have the following:
 - Baccalaureate degree, preferably in business administration, transportation, logistics, economics, mathematics, or engineering with a cumulative undergraduate GPA of 3.25 or higher on 4.0 scale.
 - A grade of B or higher in college algebra.
 - GRE score with a combined verbal/quantitative score of 1100 (minimum 500 verbal/600 quantitative) or a GMAT score of 550 or higher.

8. NIU Program Specifics - Additional Admission Requirements (found on NIU website):

- TS/SCI security clearance REQUIRED for attendance & must be obtained prior to class start date.
- A specific track is available for some students to obtain JPME I credit while at NIU. NIU will determine how the specific track slots will be divided among each sister service. **Not all students selected to attend NIU will be able to enroll into the JPME I credit track.**
- A completed degree-seeking application (submitted directly to NIU *after* notification of RDEDB selection).
- Nomination from your agency training office (ARPC/DPAF will complete this).
- Applicant Statement of Purpose (submitted directly to NIU *after* notification of RDEDB selection).
- Official undergraduate/graduate transcripts (submitted directly to NIU *after* notification of RDEDB selection).
- GRE score report less than 5 years old - not required if applicant has Master's degree or higher (submitted directly to NIU *after* notification of RDEDB selection – Use NIU code: 5205).

Table 2: AY21/22 RDEDB - SENIOR DEVELOPMENTAL EDUCATION (SDE) COURSES

| Course | Description | Requirements | Start Dates / Length / Location |
|--|---|---|---|
| Air War College (AWC) Primary: 8 | Air War College develops and supports senior leaders through education, research, and informational programs focused on strategic and institutional leadership, joint and multinational warfighting, multi-agency international security operations, air and space force development, and national security planning. See specific course requirements before applying. Course Information: http://www.au.af.mil/au/awc/awchome.htm | Grade: O-5 & O-6 No AFSC restrictions <u>Notes:</u> 1-4 Grants JPME II Credit MSD: Cannot be prior to 30 May 2025 TFSCD: Lt Col thru Col - less than 26yrs | Course Dates: Jul 2021 – May 2022 Length: 10 Months Location: Maxwell AFB, AL |
| Course | Description | Requirements | Start Dates / Length / Location |
| Army War College (Army WC) Primary: 4 | Army War College educates senior officers on the development and employment of land power in a joint, combined and/or multinational environment in support of the national military strategy. See specific course requirements before applying. Course Information: https://www.armywarcollege.edu/ | Grade: O-5 & O-6 No AFSC restrictions <u>Notes:</u> 1-4 Grants JPME II Credit MSD: Cannot be prior to 30 Jun 2025 TFSCD: Lt Col thru Col - less than 26yrs | Course Dates: Aug 2021 – Jun 2022 Length: 10 Months Location: Carlisle, PA |

| Course | Description | Requirements | Start Dates / Length / Location |
|---|---|---|---|
| College of Naval Warfare (NVWC) Primary: 2 | Naval War College educates senior officers on the development and employment of sea power in a joint, combined and/or multinational environment in support of the national military strategy. See specific course requirements before applying. Course Information: http://www.usnwc.edu | Grade: O-5 & O-6 No AFSC restrictions Notes: 1-4 Grants JPME II Credit MSD: Cannot be prior to 30 Jun 2025 TFSCD: Lt Col thru Col - less than 26yrs | Course Dates: Aug 2021 – Jun 2022 Length: 10 Months Location: Newport, RI |
| Course | Description | Requirements | Start Dates / Length / Location |
| National War College (NWC) Primary: 1 | National War College expands and enhances the student's ability to analyze national security problems and issues, and to develop appropriate national security strategies that integrate all the elements of national power. The curriculum addresses the fundamentals of thinking strategically, the elements and instruments of national power, the theory and practice of war, the domestic and international context of national security strategy, and contemporary military strategy. See specific course requirements before applying. Course Information: http://nwc.ndu.edu/ | Grade: O-5 & O-6 No AFSC restrictions Notes: 1-4 Grants JPME II Credit MSD: Cannot be prior to 30 Jun 2025 TFSCD: Lt Col thru Col - less than 26yrs | Course Dates: Aug 2021 – Jun 2022 Length: 10 Months Location: Ft McNair, Washington DC |

| Course | Description | Requirements | Start Dates / Length / Location |
|---|--|---|--|
| Dwight D. Eisenhower School for National Security & Resource Strategy Primary: 3 | Dwight D. Eisenhower School for National Security & Resource Strategy prepares selected military and civilians for strategic leadership and success in developing our national security strategy and in evaluating, marshaling, and managing resources in the execution of that strategy. See specific course requirements before applying. Course Information: http://es.ndu.edu/ | Grade: O-5 & O-6 No AFSC restrictions Notes: 1-4 Grants JPME II Credit MSD: Cannot be prior to 30 Jun 2025 TFSCD: Lt Col thru Col - less than 26yrs | Course Dates: Aug 2021 – Jun 2022 Length: 10 Months Location: Ft McNair, Washington DC |
| Course | Description | Requirements | Start Dates / Length / Location |
| Harvard National Security Fellowship Primary: 1 | The Harvard National Security Fellowship provides fellows an outstanding opportunity to research, write and speak on issues of immediate or ongoing concern of the Air Force and the nation. The officer will develop an enhanced perspective of the wide range of issues encompassed by the broader spectrum of the national security arena. The AF Fellow serves as a liaison between the Air Force and the civilian defense and national security academic communities. See specific course requirements before applying. Course Information: https://www.belfercenter.org/fellowship/national-security-fellows | Grade: O-5 & O-6 No AFSC restrictions Notes: 1-2, 5 MSD: Cannot be prior to 30 Jun 2025 TFSCD: Lt Col thru Col - less than 26yrs | Course Dates: Aug 2021 – Jun 2022 Length: 10 Months Location: JFK School of Gov't Harvard University, Cambridge, MA |

| Course | Description | Requirements | Start Dates / Length / Location |
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| SECDEF Corporate Fellowship Primary: 1 | <p>SECDEF Fellows become a long-term investment in transforming U.S. forces and capabilities and, as such, are a key part of the Department of Defense (DoD) strategy to achieve its transformational goals. SECDEF Fellows form a cadre of future leaders made knowledgeable in the organizational and operational opportunities made possible by their training throughout the year. At the conclusion of the assignment, each member of the Fellowship provides group/individual briefings to the Secretary of Defense/Deputy Secretary of Defense, Service Secretaries and Chiefs, and over three dozen other senior OSD and Service leaders on private industry best practices and the Fellow's assessment as to their applicability to transform the Department of Defense. See specific course requirements before applying.</p> <p>Course Information: http://prhome.defense.gov/Readiness/EducationTraining/SDEF.aspx </p> | <p>Grade: O-5 & O-6</p> <p>No AFSC restrictions</p> <p>Notes: 1-2, 6</p> <p>MSD: Cannot be prior to 30 Jun 2025</p> <p>TFSCD: Lt Col thru Col - less than 26yrs</p> | <p>Course Dates: Jul 2021 – Jun 2022</p> <p>Length: 11 Months</p> <p>Location: Fortune 500 Corporation, Arlington, VA</p> |
| Course | Description | Requirements | Start Dates / Length / Location |
| College of Information and Cyberspace (CIC) Primary: 1 | <p>CICs purpose is to educate and prepare selected military and civilian leaders and advisors to develop and implement cyberspace strategies, and to leverage information and technology to advance national and 39 global security. The NDU iCollege produces national security leaders and advisors who develop the strategies and the necessary doctrine to successfully leverage information and cyberspace operations within the broader national security framework. The NDU iCollege's curriculum focuses on the information/cyberspace instrument of national security. It provides graduate-level education to senior military and civilian leaders with an emphasis on the military, government, and private sector dimensions of information/cyberspace as a critical component of national security strategy. The iCollege program concentrates on developing the habits of mind, conceptual foundations, and cognitive faculties graduates will need at their highest level of strategic responsibility.</p> <p>Course Information: http://cic.ndu.edu </p> | <p>Grade: O-5 & O-6</p> <p>No AFSC restrictions</p> <p>Notes: 1- 3, 8 Grants JPME II Credit</p> <p>MSD: Cannot be prior to 30 Jun 2025</p> <p>TFSCD: Lt Col thru Col - less than 26yrs</p> | <p>Course Dates: Aug 2021 – Jun 2022</p> <p>Length: 10 Months</p> <p>Location: Fort McNair, Washington DC</p> |

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| College of International Security Affairs (CISA) Primary: 1 | The Counter Terrorism Fellowship Program explores counterterrorism in its global and local contexts in relation to all relevant instruments of power. The Program offers students a strategic perspective on a rapidly changing global security environment. Courses address the global threat and its various manifestations including the rise of non-state armed groups, and the ends, ways, and means of transnational terrorists and insurgents. Upon successful completion of the program, U.S. military students earn a Master of Arts in Strategic Security Studies, Joint Professional Military Education 2 (JPME 2) credit and a War College Diploma (credit for Senior Service School). Course Information: http://cisa.ndu.edu/Academics/Master-of-Arts-in-Strategic-Security-Studies/ | Grade: O-5 & O-6 AFSC restrictions, see Note 9 Notes: 1- 3, 9 Grants JPME II Credit MSD: Cannot be prior to 30 Jun 2025 TFSCD: Lt Col - less than 26yrs | Course Dates: Aug 2021 – Jun 2022 Length: 10 Months Location: Fort McNair, Washington DC |
| Course | Description | Requirements | Start Dates / Length / Location |
| Joint Advanced Warfighting School (JAWS) | To develop senior officers with the capacity to be creative, conceptual, innovative joint warriors and potential joint forces commanders or strategic planners. A one week Joint Transition Course (JTC) is offered for those students who are unfamiliar with US military terminology and organization. This course is required for interagency JAWS students. Course Information: http://jfsc.ndu.edu/Academics/JointAdvancedWarfightingSchool(JAWS).aspx | Grade: O-5 & O-6 No AFSC restrictions Notes: 1- 3, 7 Grants JPME II Credit MSD: Cannot be prior to 30 Jun 2025 TFSCD: Lt Col thru Col - less than 26yrs | Course Dates: Aug 2021 – Jun 2022 Length: 10 Months Location: Joint Forces Staff College, Norfolk, VA |

Notes:

1. Must be a pinned on Lt Col before class start date and have a projected DOR in MilPDS NLT 30 Sep 20.
2. Selects will participate in the student assignment facilitation process; assignments are based on the needs of the AFR.
3. Joint PME II credit awarded upon completion.
4. SECRET clearance is required for attendance, however, TS/SCI may allow for wider range of choices for elective course selection.
5. Harvard National Security Fellowship Program Specifics:
 - TS/SCI security clearance REQUIRED for attendance & must be obtained prior to class start date.

- Select will be outplaced into a mandatory 3 year follow-on tour (Complies w/Title 10 USC 2603; Acceptance of fellowships, scholarships or grants. Each member of the armed forces who accepts a fellowship IAW subsection (a) before he is permitted to undertake the education or training contemplated by that fellowship agree in writing that, after he completes the education or training he will serve on active duty for a period at least three times the length of the period of the education or training). A follow-on assignment can be served in any active duty status to include: AGR, VLPAD, RPA, MPA.
6. SecDef Corporate Fellowship Program Specifics:
- TS/SCI security clearance REQUIRED for attendance & must be obtained prior to class start date.
 - Select will be outplaced into a mandatory 3 year follow-on tour (Complies w/Title 10 USC 2603; Acceptance of fellowships, scholarships or grants. Each member of the armed forces who accepts a fellowship IAW subsection (a) before he is permitted to undertake the education or training contemplated by that fellowship agree in writing that, after he completes the education or training he will serve on active duty for a period at least three times the length of the period of the education or training). A follow-on assignment can be served in any active duty status to include: AGR, VLPAD, RPA, MPA.
 - Must have a Master's Degree.
7. JAWS Program Specifics:
- **Only Line Officers are eligible to apply for this course.**
 - TS/SCI security clearance REQUIRED for attendance & must be obtained prior to class start date.
 - Assignment following JAWS graduation will be to a Combatant Command JDAL position (part-time or full-time reserve category based on the reserve category member is at the time of selection).
8. CIC Program Specifics:
- TS/SCI security clearance REQUIRED for attendance & must be obtained prior to class start date.
 - Mandatory Follow on: Per DoDI 1300.19, for non-JQO grads: More than 50 percent of all non-JQO graduates attending NDU schools must be assigned to an S-JDQA as their next duty assignment following graduation. For JQOs: All JQOs must be assigned to an S-JDA as their next duty assignment following graduation unless waived on a case-by-case basis by the USD(P&R).
 - Open to all AFSCs. A successful student does not need technical expertise, but must possess the intellectual curiosity that makes them receptive to new ideas and new approaches to understanding national security
9. CISA Program Specifics:
- Members in the following Core IDs may apply and be considered for this program (core ID may be verified by the member by reviewing their Career Data Brief in vMPF):
 - 11B/F/H/K/M/R/S/U; 12B/F/K/M/R/S/U; 13B/D/L/M; 18A/E/G/R/S; 14N; 16F/P; 17D; 31P

Table 3: AY21/22 RDEDB - ADVANCED STUDIES GROUP (ASG) COURSES

| Course | Description | Requirements | Start Dates / Length / Location |
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| School of Advanced Air and Space Studies (SAASS) Primary: 1 | <p>The SAASS curriculum is designed to accomplish two major objectives. The first is to enhance the student's ability to think critically about airpower and warfare through an extensive examination of both theory and historical experience. This examination leads to a reasoned synthesis that raises the question of how modern airpower can be best applied across the entire spectrum of conflict. The second objective is to cultivate student's ability to argue effectively and responsibly about airpower. This objective is accomplished by having students introduce and defend propositions in graduate colloquia, produce interpretive arguments in prose that meet publication standards, and reduce complex formal arguments into comprehensible briefings.</p> <p>Course Information: http://www.au.af.mil/au/saass/curriculum.asp </p> | <p>Grade: O-4 & O-5</p> <p>Notes: 1</p> <p>MSD: Cannot be prior to 30 Jun 2025</p> <p>TFSCD: Maj & Lt Col - less than 16yrs</p> | <p>Course Dates: Jul 2021 – Jun 2022</p> <p>Length: 12 Months</p> <p>Location: Maxwell AFB, AL</p> |

Notes:

1. SAASS Program Specifics:

- This course *does not* count as IDE or SDE.
- JPME I or II credit IS NOT awarded upon completion of the SAASS program.
- Applicants *cannot* be a SDE graduate.
- Must have completed IDE **in-residence** *Applicant must attach copy of completion certificate to their RDEDB application*
- Potential PCS placement to Key/Command/Joint Duty Assignment List (KCJ) position after graduation, subject to needs of the AFR.
- Must have a Master's Degree from an accredited institution OR have an undergraduate degree with a GPA of 3.25 or higher.
- Must have **less than 16 years** total active federal commissioned service at time of application.
- TS/SCI security clearance REQUIRED for attendance & must be obtained prior to class start date.
- Air Force Formatted Biography must be included with application.
- Each eligible member is required to write an essay. Contact AU/RF at 334-953-8290 or au.rf.workflow@us.af.mil to obtain the essay question. The completed essay must be attached in vPC with the application.
- Must be at least a pinned on Major before class start date and have a projected DOR in MilPDS NLT 30 Sep 20.