

FY26 PERMANENT MILITARY PROFESSOR (PMP) SELECTION BOARD ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Due date for PMP application submission to PERS-443: 30 MAY 2025

Due date for PhD applications to NPS: 08 MAY 2025

1. Applications for the FY26 Permanent Military Professor (PMP) Selection Board are due to Out-service Graduate Education and Special Fellowships (PERS-443) no later than **30 MAY 2025** via encrypted transmission on DoD SAFE (<https://safe.apps.mil>) to PERS-440 (PERS-440_submit.fct@navy.mil) and PERS-443 (LCDR Michael Watrol (michael.p.watrol.mil@us.navy.mil)); or mailed to: Department of the Navy, Navy Personnel Command (PERS-443), 5720 Integrity Drive, Millington, TN 38055-4400. All applications require candidate cover letter, command endorsement, letters of recommendation, and post-secondary transcripts. Applicants should also provide their last four FITREPs, OSR, PSR and GRE scores with package.
2. Specific application and eligibility guidance is provided in OPNAVINST 1520.40C.
3. The FY26 PMP Selection Board is targeting to select up to 12 PMPs for projected assignment at the Naval Postgraduate School (NPS), Naval War College (NWC), or the United States Naval Academy (USNA). Officers selected by the FY26 PMP Selection Board will report to graduate school by August 2026.
4. In addition to the eligibility requirements in OPNAVINST 1520.40C, these additional stipulations apply:
 - a. PMP applicants must be selected for or serving in the grade of O-5.
 - b. Captains and Captain Selects are not eligible to apply this cycle.
 - c. All designators are eligible to apply, but officers must possess a warfare pin from the URL/IWC communities (i.e. 1110, 1120, 1120, 1140, 1310, 1320, 18XX). Officers without a URL/IWC warfare pin with exceptional military and academic records will be considered on a case-by-case basis.
 - d. Applicants must have completed at least one year at their current command by July 2026. Officers serving in a designated Joint billet must have completed at least 24 months by July 2026.

e. Officers who are committed to a specific community through a continuous pay agreement (e.g. Nuclear Officer Incentive Pay, Aviation Career Continuation Pay) or a similar service agreement must be within one year of completion of the agreed upon service obligation by August 2025. Applicants should review all policies governing their specific agreement and contact their respective Officer Community Manager (OCM) to verify eligibility for release.

5. The FY26 PMP Selection Board will make selections of PMPs to USNA, NWC, and NPS for assignment in the academic disciplines listed below. The Naval Postgraduate School is the preferred institution to complete PhD requirements for disciplines offered there. The gaining PMP institution is the final approval authority for proposed degree programs and institutions (NPS or civilian). Attendance at a civilian institution is subject to length and academic suitability of the degree program and to available funding from gaining PMP institution.

Applicants should indicate the institution(s), desired department(s) and degree program(s) for which they are applying and may be considered for more than one institution unless specified otherwise.

a. USNA

- (1) Aerospace Engineering Department: Aeronautical, Astronautical Engineering
- (2) Electrical and Computer Engineering Department: Computer Engineering, Electric Engineering
- (3) Mechanical and Nuclear Engineering: Mechanical Engineering, Nuclear Engineering
- (4) Naval Architecture and Ocean Engineering: Naval Architecture, Ocean Engineering
- (5) Robotics and Control Engineering: Robotics, Electrical Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Aerospace Engineering, Bioengineering
- (6) Chemistry Department: Chemistry
- (7) Computer Science Department: Computer Science
- (8) Cyber Science Department: Computer Engineering, Electrical Engineering, Computer Science
- (9) Math Department: Operations Research
- (10) Ocean and Atmospheric Sciences Department: Marine Acoustics, Meteorology, Physical
- (11) Oceanography
- (12) Physics Department: Physics
- (13) The School of Humanities and Social Sciences
- (14) History Department: History
- (15) Political Science Department: American Politics, Comparative Politics, International Relations
- (16) Economics Department: Economics

- (17) Languages Department
- (18) The Division of Leadership, Ethics, and Law: Industrial/Organizational Psychology

b. NPS

- (1) Department of Applied Mathematics: Applied Mathematics; Mathematics
- (2) Department of Computer Science: Computer Science; Machine Learning/Artificial Intelligence; Data Science; Cybersecurity, Software Engineering; Computer Networking; Quantum Computing
- (3) Department of Defense Management: Economics; Financial Management; Supply Chain Management; Program Management
- (4) Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering: Electrical Engineering; Computer Engineering; Computer Science
- (5) Department of Information Sciences: Information Science: Data Science; Machine Learning/Artificial Intelligence
- (6) Department of Mechanical Aerospace Engineering: Mechanical Engineering; Aeronautical, Aerospace or Astronautical Engineering; Materials Science and Engineering; Robotics Engineering; Electrical Engineering; Computer Science; Naval Architecture
- (7) Department of Meteorology: Meteorology
- (8) Department of National Security Affairs: Security Studies
- (9) Department of Oceanography: Oceanography, Engineering Acoustics
- (10) Department of Physics: Applied Physics; Material Science; Quantum Science and Engineering

c. NWC

- 1) Operations Research
- 2) Security Studies: International Relations; Comparative Politics; Strategic Studies, Foreign Policy Analysis, or International Political Economy
- 3) Data Science
- 4) Industrial and Organizational Psychology

ci. Applicants for disciplines taught at NPS are required to submit applications via

<https://my.nps.edu/web/admissions/apply1> and PhD documents via

<https://my.nps.edu/web/admissions/doctoral> NLT 08 MAY 2025. The NPS admissions officer may be reached at (831) 656-3093/DSN 756 or via email at admissions@nps.edu (use PMP PhD as the subject line). Applicants desiring final assignment to NPS are recommended to contact the NPS PMP Lead, CAPT Warren Tomlinson, at wwtomlin@nps.edu before submitting applications.

7. Applicants may be considered by all institutions, unless applicant requests to only be reviewed by a specific institution.

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