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NARR/REF A IS OPNAVINST 3870.6A, OBLIGATED SERVICE REQUIREMENTS FOR INFORMATION WARFARE COMMUNITY ENLISTED PERSONNEL TO ATTEND THE NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE UNIVERSITY.//

RMKS/1. This NAVADMIN solicits applications from active-duty enlisted Information Warfare Community (IWC) personnel for enrollment in National Intelligence University (NIU)'s full-time Bachelor of Science in Intelligence (BSI), Master of Science of Strategic Intelligence (MSSI), and Master of Science and Technology Intelligence (MSTI) programs. Non-IWC enlisted personnel who possess the requisite security clearance and meet NIU's eligibility requirements may request an exception via their detailers and the NIU Navy Service Chair (NIU POC information is below).

2. As the US Intelligence Community's (IC) accredited, degree-granting university, NIU holds a unique position as the cornerstone of education, research, and innovation for developing and enriching the intelligence profession. NIU students are immersed in a classified learning environment that fosters the development of real-world solutions to national security challenges at the Top Secret/Sensitive Compartmented Information (TS/SCI) arena.

3. Selectees will be assigned to NIU as full-time students through permanent change of station orders to Bethesda, MD, and will commence academic studies in August. As full-time students, Sailors will be required to carry a full academic schedule year-round. Degree requirements should be completed in 12 months.

4. Each degree program has specific eligibility requirements as described on the NIU website at <https://www.ni-u.edu/eligibility/>. Competitive BSI applicants must have a cumulative undergraduate-level GPA of 2.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale. Competitive MSSI/MSTI applicants must have a cumulative undergraduate or graduate-level GPA of 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale. All applicants must hold or be eligible for a Top Secret/Sensitive Compartmented Information (TS/SCI) clearance. Orders to NIU will not be issued until TS/SCI clearance is fully adjudicated.

5. Per reference (a), enlisted applicants for the MSSSI or MSTI programs must obligate 60 months of service, per reference (a). Applicants for the BSI program must obligate 54 months of service. Obligated service reflects the total time while in the education program and post-education. Selectees will be required to reenlist more than one year early prior to enrollment if they are unable to satisfy the obligated service requirement. An extension will become binding upon enrollment at NIU.

6. Potential full-time applicants must be active duty and shore tour eligible, in line with Sea-Shore Flow. Exceptions to prescribed Sea-Shore Flow will be reviewed by their detailers on a case-by-case basis. Sailors should begin application process by contacting their command career counselors. If the NIU class start time requires the applicant to depart their current command early, they must request command concurrence before continuing the application process. Next, applicants must contact their detailers to discuss the implications for their current assignments and careers. Detailer release is required for this program. Failure to gain release may result in withdrawal of selection. Applicants should receive detailer release no later than 31 October 2025. Upon release, the applicant will notify the NIU Navy Service Chair (see POC information below). The applicant will then submit their application via the instructions on the NIU website at <https://ni-u.edu/admissions/>. Finally, the NIU Navy Service Chair will submit a Service Nomination Memo to NIU Admissions on behalf of all full-time Navy applicants. Full application packages are due to NIU admissions no later than 31 January 2026.

7. Upon selection, member must request (via command career counselor) an in-rate quota in the Career Waypoints (C-WAY) System. Those members not in their C-WAY window should submit a "special circumstance" application indicating reason code of "other", and the career counselor will be prompted to add a note indicating selection to the NIU program. If selected via "special circumstance" application, this program does not guarantee awarding of an in-rate C-WAY quota and is not considered part of an individual's performance indicator in the C-WAY process.

8. Final selection results will be disseminated by NIU via e-mail to selectees. Selectees will be issued Permanent Change of Station (PCS) orders to arrive at NIU no later than one week prior to the beginning of NIU student in-processing in August 2026.

9. Reservists are not eligible for NIU's full-time program but are eligible for NIU's part-time programs. Additional details can be found at <https://www.ni-u.edu/academics/>. Note that service nominations are not required for NIU's part-time programs.

10. General information about NIU can be found at <https://www.ni-u.edu/>.

11. The NIU POC is CDR Jay McVann, NIU Navy Service Chair, at [jay.p.mcvann@odni.gov](mailto:jay.p.mcvann@odni.gov).

12. This message will remain in effect until superseded.

13. Released by VADM Karl O. Thomas, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations  
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