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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 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 (see POC information below).

2. NIU is the Intelligence Community's sole accredited, federal degree-granting institution. It is a unique and technologically advanced university that focuses on the profession of intelligence and is the only institution of higher education in the nation that allows its students to study and complete research in the Top Secret/Sensitive Compartmentalized Information (TS/SCI) arena. NIU is committed to offering and continuously maintaining an in-depth curriculum intended to enhance the desired analytical skills and competencies of intelligence analysis to include critical thinking, communications, engagement, and leadership.

3. As NIU transitions from the Office of the Director of National Intelligence (ODNI) to the National Defense University (NDU), the Bachelor of Science in Intelligence (BSI) program will be paused for at least the 2026-2027 academic year. Therefore, applications for the BSI program will not be accepted. This NAVADMIN continues to solicit applications for the Master of Science of Strategic Intelligence (MSSI) and Master of Science and Technology Intelligence (MSTI) programs.

4. Selectees will be assigned to NIU as full-time students under permanent change of station orders to Bethesda, MD with an August start. As full-time students, Sailors will be required to carry a full academic schedule year-round. Degree requirements are expected to be completed in 12 months.

5. Each degree program has specific eligibility requirements which can be found on the NIU website at <https://www.ni-u.edu/eligibility/>. Competitive MSSI/MSTI applicants will have a cumulative 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 require a fully adjudicated TS/SCI clearance.

6. Per reference (a), enlisted applicants for the MSSSI or MSTI programs must obligate for 60 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.

7. Potential full-time applicants must be active-duty and shore tour eligible, in line with Sea-Shore Flow. They should begin their 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 2026. Once the applicant has been released, 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://www.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 2027.

8. 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. Selection via "special circumstance" application does not guarantee an in-rate C-WAY quota and is not considered part of an individual's performance indicator in the C-WAY process.

9. Final selection results will be disseminated by NIU via e-mail to selectees. Selectees will be issued PCS orders to arrive at NIU no later than one week prior to the beginning of NIU student in-processing in August 2027.

10. 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.

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

12. Point of contact is CDR Jay McVann via e-mail at jay.p.mcvann@odni.gov and CDR Dan Kwiatkowski via email at daniel.l.kwiatkowski@odni.gov

13. This message will remain in effect until superseded.

14. Released by Ms. Jennifer Edgin, Acting Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Information Warfare, OPNAV N2N6.

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