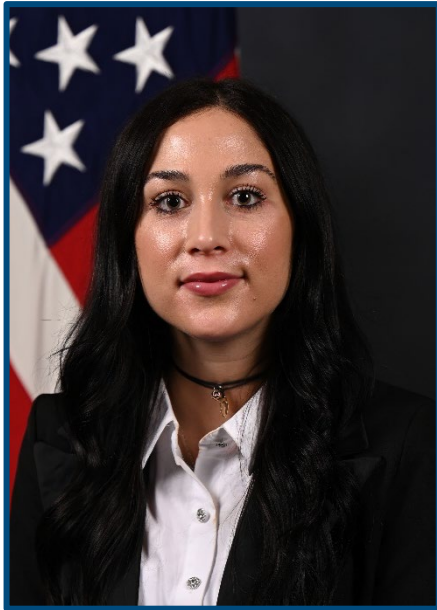




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Gaia Jamie Lee learned about the McCain Fellowship in the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (OUSD) for Policy during her 8-month internship in OUSD European and NATO Policy while working on her Master's Degree in Government at Georgetown University. In that role, she felt privileged to support several Secretary of Defense bilateral engagements, meet with foreign delegations, work with National Security Council Staff, Department of State, and Senior Defense Officials at U.S. Embassies. As a McCain Fellow, Gaia Jamie Lee builds on that experience, as well as her internship at the United Nations and her undergraduate degree in International Relations at Bocconi University in Italy and Université de Genève in Switzerland, to pursue her goal of being a career defense civil servant. Gaia Jamie Lee also acquired functional experience on Space issues by supporting the Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Space Acquisition and Integration. She is honored to join others in Senator McCain's commitment to service and integrity in contributing to national security and defense policy. A fun fact about Gaia Jamie Lee is that she enjoyed the thrill of skydiving in Noosa, Queensland, Australia!

