



# John S. McCain Strategic Defense Fellowship Program



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**Organization:** Office of the Secretary of Defense for Comptroller

**Education:**

- Johns Hopkins University, M.A. in Global Security Studies and Certificate in Intelligence, December 2024
- University of Chicago, B.A. in Philosophy, June 2019

After working in business intelligence and market research, Ryan Burgess decided to pursue his interest in national security with the goal of a career in public service. He hopes to apply his innate curiosity and drive to seek novel answers to complex problems to assist OUSD(C)'s critical initiatives. He is interested in Net Assessment, the Minerva Research Initiative, and technology-forward initiatives like the DIU and OSC. Ryan was selected to present at the D.C. Intelligence Studies Consortium's 2024 Conference and Career Fair on the potential implications of applying complex systems theory and applied combinatorics to intelligence analysis. Ryan lives in Arlington with his girlfriend and their three cats.

