



# John S. McCain Strategic Defense Fellowship Program



## Gabrielle Kaye

Cohort 5 Fellow, John S. McCain Strategic Defense Fellowship Program

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

**Education:**

- Georgetown University Walsh School of Foreign Service, Master of Arts in Security Studies, May 2024
- College of Charleston, Bachelor's in Political Science and International Relations, May 2017

Gabrielle began her career with AmeriCorps National Civilian Community Corps, where she cultivated leadership skills and a deep commitment to public service. Over the past seven years, she has supported the Department of Defense as a contractor, contributing her expertise in counter-Weapons of Mass Destruction operations and acquisition to the Defense Threat Reduction Agency, where she led projects and informed strategic decisions across AFRICOM, INDOPACOM, and EUCOM. Her efforts, including extensive travel to partner nations, have helped strengthen global security partnerships in the counter-WMD space. At the Defense Intelligence Agency, Gabrielle delivered strategic intelligence insights to senior defense leaders, shaping critical decisions. With a background in security cooperation, project management, and intelligence analysis, she is eager to bring her skills to the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Comptroller. Motivated by the need to address pressing global threats such as WMD proliferation, security implications of climate change, and emerging technologies, Gabrielle views proactive security measures as essential to shaping a safer future. The McCain Fellowship offers her a unique opportunity to apply her on-the-ground experience at the strategic level and further refine her skills in defense policy and implementation. Gabrielle resides in Springfield, Virginia and enjoys training for triathlons and writing music in her spare time.

