Program Overview
The John S. McCain Strategic Defense Fellows Program is a one year civilian fellowship program designed to provide leadership development for the commencement of a career track toward senior leadership in the Department of Defense.

Program Highlights
• Rotations in the Office of the Secretary of Defense or an Office of the Secretary of a Military Department
• Gain DOD experience and leadership capabilities through challenging opportunities to flourish into problem solvers, strategic thinkers and future leaders
• Mentorship by DOD senior leaders

Program Requirements

Application Requirements
Applicants are evaluated on their technical and professional excellence, character, commitment to public service and academic achievement:
• Advanced degree- Master's Degree and above
• Passing background and security investigations
• Completed application package
  • Resume
  • Official Transcripts
  • Endorsement from graduate institutions
  • Letters of recommendation
  • Proof of citizenship or lawful permanent residence
  • Academic writing sample
  • Personal statement to provide career areas of interest and motivations to serve in the DOD

Career Fields
• Policy
• Financial Management
• Program Management
• Contracting, Acquisition and Logistics
• Data Analytics
• Cyber
• STEM Fields: Science and Technology Management, Engineering, Info Technology, Data Science

Application Period is OPEN for June 2020, Cohort 1:
• Application Period starts on February 10, 2020 and ends March 10, 2020

For more program information, go to https://www.whs.mil

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