

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

National Security Studies Program

Administered by the National Defense University

Objective:	The National Security Studies Program (NSSP) is designed to prepare future leaders of civilian agencies for high-level policy, command, and staff responsibilities. This program focuses on international environments and commercial partnerships. All participants that successfully complete this program are awarded a Master's degree. This program does not involve a promotion or a change in position.
Program Components:	This year DOE employees have the opportunity to apply for two distinct elements of the National Security Studies Program: the College of International Security Affairs (CISA) and the Dwight D. Eisenhower School (ES) for National Security and Resource Strategy. CISA educates and prepares civilian and military national security professionals for strategic challenges of the contemporary security environment. The Eisenhower School conducts executive-level courses of study focusing on the resource component of national power, with special emphasis on material acquisition and joint logistics, and their integration into national security strategy for peace and war.
Benefits to Organization:	The program prepares federal civilian employees for high-level policy, command, and staff responsibilities. Participants will gain valuable experience in leadership, information strategy, national security studies, military strategy, logistics, economics, industry studies, and more. This experience will help produce capable and exceptionally prepared professionals for the Department.
Benefits to the Participant:	Students will have an opportunity to travel abroad for industry studies. Students are offered a wide and interesting variety of electives, and the opportunity to intermingle with the multi-agency student body at the Eisenhower School and/or the CISA.
Program Cycle:	A ten-month program that begins in August 2013 and concludes in June 2014
Target Audience and Eligibility:	<p>Target Audience: DOE employees in the following fields are encouraged to apply: safeguards and security, international affairs, non proliferation, emergency managers, infrastructure specialists, economic advisors, and information and resource managers.</p> <p>Eligibility: Federal employees at the GS/GM-14 or GS/GM-15 or equivalent Pay Band levels who have earned a Bachelor's Degree.</p>
Cost:	The tuition is waived for this program. There is no direct training cost. However, the participant's organization will be responsible for travel and related expenses if the selectee is outside the Washington, D.C. area.
Cancellation Policy:	Before applying, the applicant and their management should give careful consideration to the time commitment of the program. Selected candidates will be required to complete all aspects of the program. If a candidate is unable to complete the program, he/she must notify the DOE point of contact immediately. The notification should be in writing, should include a detailed explanation, and should go through the applicant's chain of command.
Nomination Procedure	All nomination packages should be submitted to Steve Young, HC-22, via e-mail, steve.young@hq.doe.gov . (See attachment.) Nomination

<p>and Due Date:</p>	<p>packages are due by MARCH 15, 2013. The attached nomination package can be used to apply for one or both schools. Please note on your application if you are applying for both schools ES and CISA. <u>Late or incomplete applications will not be accepted.</u></p> <p>NNSA Applicants: The application package is available at the NNSP webpage and includes all forms and instructions required to be considered for this career development opportunity. Please direct your questions to Patrick C. Romero at, Patrick.C.Romero@nnsa.doe.gov. NNSA nomination packages are due to Patrick in the Office of Learning and Career Management no later than FEBRUARY 15, 2013, by 4 pm, Mountain Standard Time.</p>
<p>Additional Information:</p>	<p>Detailed information is available on the National Defense University website, College of International Security Affairs, or The Eisenhower School website - http://www.ndu.edu/colleges/cfm. The application and information are also available on Powerpedia at https://powerpedia.energy.gov/wiki/National_Security_Studies_Program.</p>