

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE  
WASHINGTON, DC 20511

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Dear Colleague,

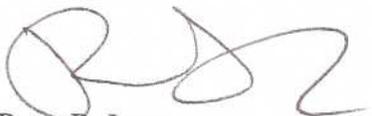
One of the strengths of our nation's Intelligence Community (IC) is the intellectual breadth of our analysts. On a daily basis, IC analysts apply substantive expertise, rigorous critical thinking and diverse viewpoints—much of which they developed in academia—to address challenging national security questions.

In our effort to continue to attract talented officers, we are pleased to announce the launch of the National Security Analysis Summer Seminar (NSASS), July 13-24, 2009 in Washington, D.C. The seminar will provide exceptional graduate students with a hands-on intelligence analysis experience, in the hope of attracting them to a career in intelligence. Students will have the opportunity to interact with front-line analysts working high-profile intelligence issues, become familiar with key analytic methodologies and apply them to case studies and simulations. Students will also participate in IC site visits where they can engage senior IC managers in discussions to gain perspective on the role analysis plays in supporting senior policymakers.

Our partners at the Philip Merrill Center for Strategic Studies of the Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies of The Johns Hopkins University have developed a creative curriculum and interactive learning experiences in collaboration with senior officials at the National Intelligence Council. We plan to select 30 talented graduate students from a competitive group of applicants to participate in the seminar. The two-week program is described in more detail in the attached announcement. Participants' domestic travel to Washington D.C., and lodging, meals, materials and a stipend, are covered.

We appreciate your assistance in identifying exceptional students who would benefit from this unique program and encouraging them to complete the attached NSASS application, which is also available online at [www.dni.gov/cae/index.htm](http://www.dni.gov/cae/index.htm). If you have any questions, you may reach the seminar planning team at [dni-cae@ugov.gov](mailto:dni-cae@ugov.gov).

Thank you,



Peter R. Lavoy  
Deputy Director of National Intelligence for Analysis  
Chairman, National Intelligence Council



Ronald Sanders  
Chief Human Capital Officer



# NATIONAL SECURITY ANALYSIS SUMMER SEMINAR

*Theme: Political Instability-International Systems in Transition*

*Seminar Dates: July 13–24, 2009*

*Applications Due: April 30, 2009*

*Submit the form attached below, AND 2 other forms to be found at [www.dni.gov/cae/index.htm](http://www.dni.gov/cae/index.htm)*

## **Description:**

*This 2-week residential seminar in Washington, DC* will introduce highly competitive graduate students (U.S. citizens) to U.S. Intelligence Community functions, practices, priorities and challenges. Students will interact with front-line analysts, policymakers and outside experts on high-profile intelligence issues.

*Thirty select graduate students* at accredited colleges, universities, or other four-year degree-granting institutions in the U.S., its territories or possessions, with *outstanding academic accomplishments*, will participate in practical exercises, case studies, gaming/simulations, meetings with senior IC professionals and policymakers, site visits and more, to help participants understand:

- Intelligence Community Enterprise critical missions and organization,
- Priority intelligence issues (e.g. terrorism; global, regional, technological threats; ethics),
- Customer requirements and uses of intelligence by policymakers, warfighters and Congress,
- IC methodologies for analytic integrity, standards, and transformation.

## **Requirements:**

- *U.S. citizenship,*
- **21 years of age minimum,**
- Strong academic background (3.0 GPA or higher). Faculty member and Dean nomination/support,
- Excellent research, oral and written communication, analytical, and critical thinking skills,
- Completion of at least one year of graduate school, acceptance into a graduate degree program by the application deadline, or high performing college seniors, with a compelling nomination by a faculty member and supported by an academic dean,
- **Participants must also pass a background investigation (completed forms SF-86 and EF-4507 required)** for eligibility for an *ad hoc* secret security clearance which shall be valid only during NSASS.

## **Logistics/Compensation:**

- ODNI will fund students' domestic transportation to NSASS, lodging, instruction, course materials,
- \$500/week stipend provided upon successful completion of 2-week seminar.

## **Nomination and Application Process:**

- Eligible students must provide a letter of nomination by a faculty member and a letter of support by the department chairman or academic dean,
- We prefer that you submit all application materials as scanned documents to [dni-cae@ugov.gov](mailto:dni-cae@ugov.gov). If not possible, you may FAX your forms to 703-275-1297. In the e-mail subject line include your last name, first name and words "NSASS application". Questions may also be sent to this address. Include:
  - Attached application form fully completed with *all* required attachments,
  - Nominating and support letters (signed and on university letterhead; scans accepted).

**Sponsored by: The Office of the Director of National Intelligence and  
The Office of the Intelligence Community Centers of Academic Excellence**

**Presented by: The Philip Merrill Center for Strategic Studies,  
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We will e-mail you acknowledgment of your application within a few days. We plan to notify applicants of selection decisions by mid- May. Final approval to participate in NSASS will be contingent on security clearance adjudication, expected mid/late-June (estimated).

**I. CONTACT INFORMATION**

- FULL LEGAL NAME:
- MUST BE US CITIZEN (INITIAL TO AFFIRM): \_\_\_\_\_
- GPA: \_\_\_\_\_
- UNIVERSITY:
- PROGRAM OR CONCENTRATION:
- BIRTHDATE: \_\_\_\_\_ (Applicants must be 21 years of age on or before July 12, 2009)
- HOW CAN WE CONTACT YOU BETWEEN APRIL AND mid-JULY 2009?
  - E-mail account you regularly monitor:
  - Cellphone and/or other phone:

**II. ENCLOSE A SCANNED COPY OF (OR FAX) YOUR OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT.** (You may add your undergraduate transcript, if relevant to your interest in national security issues.)

**III. LIST YOUR MOST RELEVANT COURSEWORK:**


**IV. LIST UP TO FOUR (4) RESEARCH PAPERS OR PUBLISHED WORK (COMPLETED OR IN PROGRESS):**

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**V. FOREIGN STUDY & TRAVEL** (*location with dates of travel*) **AND/OR LANGUAGES SPOKEN** (*indicating level of fluency*):

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**VI. STATEMENT OF INTEREST** (*No more than 250 words*):

**VII. Download, Complete and Attach 2 additional forms for the security clearance process. Don't forget to sign your forms before scanning or faxing:**

- 1. Standard Form 86 Questionnaire for National Security Positions**
  - *Download blank SF-86 at [www.opm.gov/Forms/pdf\\_fill/sf86.pdf](http://www.opm.gov/Forms/pdf_fill/sf86.pdf)*
- 2. Form EF-4507 Authorization to Obtain Consumer Credit Report**
  - *Download blank EF-4507 at [www.dni.gov/cae/index.htm](http://www.dni.gov/cae/index.htm)*

**VIII. Attach one Faculty Recommendation Letter discussing your interest in national security and one Supporting Letter from the department chairman or academic dean. Letters should be on official university office letterhead; submit with your application as scanned or faxed copies.**