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SUBJ: CANDIDATES FOR THE NATIONAL RECONNAISSANCE OFFICE (NRO)
FY10 ADVANCED ACADEMIC DEGREE (AAD) PROGRAM

1. ATTENTION MAJCOMS: PLEASE PROVIDE THIS MESSAGE TO ALL BASES AND
UNITS PROVIDING ACTIVE DUTY AIR FORCE SUPPORT. PLEASE DISSEMINATE
THIS

MESSAGE THROUGH WIDEST CHANNELS (BASE NEWSPAPERS, PUBLIC AFFAIRS
CHANNELS, ETC).

THE NATIONAL RECONNAISSANCE OFFICE (NRO) IS SOLICITING CANDIDATES FOR
ADVANCED

EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES OFFERED THROUGH THE FY10 AFIT PROGRAM.

THIRTEEN POSITIONS ARE BEING OFFERED (SEE BELOW) TO MEET THE NRO'S
ADVANCED ACADEMIC DEGREE NEEDS WITH SCHOOLS BEGINNING IN FALL 2010.
THIS IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO EVENTUALLY PARTICIPATE IN THE NRO'S
SPACE PROGRAMS. THE NRO DIRECTLY SUPPORTS THE UNDER SECRETARY OF
THE AIR FORCE (SPACE) AND IS A 100 PERCENT SELECTIVELY MANNED UNIT.
AFTER THE DEGREE IS OBTAINED WITHIN THE TIME ALLOTTED, EACH
CANDIDATE WILL COMPLETE A FOLLOW-ON ASSIGNMENT IN SPACE
ACQUISITION OR OPERATIONS AT THE NRO FOR A PERIOD OF FOUR YEARS.

THE MAJORITY OF THE ASSIGNMENT WILL BE IN THE WASHINGTON DC AREA.

2. EXCEPTIONAL PERSONNEL ARE SOUGHT FOR THESE PROGRAMS. THE NRO
PROCESS IS EXTREMELY COMPETITIVE. APPLICANTS MUST HAVE GPA AND GRE
SCORES AT LEAST MEETING MINIMUM AFIT ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS.

THERE IS NO SPECIFIC OFFICER GRADE REQUIREMENT FOR APPLYING. HOWEVER,

THE MAJORITY OF PERSONNEL SELECTED ARE NON-RATED CAPTAINS AND
LIEUTENANTS.

3. MASTERS AND PHD DEGREES ARE AVAILABLE IN A VARIETY OF ADVANCED
ACADEMIC DEGREE (AAD) PROGRAMS. THE FOLLOWING ARE THE TENTATIVE
OPPORTUNITIES

FOR FY10 (UPON AIR STAFF APPROVAL):

- A. ONE PHD DEGREE IN PHYSICS (8HYY)
- B. ONE MASTERS DEGREE IN ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING-ELECTRO OPTICS (41JY)
- C. ONE MASTERS DEGREE IN AEROSPACE ENGINEERING (4BYJ)
- D. ONE MASTERS DEGREE IN COMPUTER ENGINEERING (4WYY)

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- E. ONE MASTERS DEGREE IN ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING (41YY)
 - F. ONE PHD DEGREE IN ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING (41YY)
 - G. THREE MASTERS DEGREES IN ELEC ENG/COMMUNICATIONS/RADAR (4IGY)
 - H. FOUR MASTERS DEGREES IN ELECTRICAL ENG, SPACE SYSTEMS (4ISY)
4. APPLICATION PACKAGES AND INTERVIEWS WILL BE USED BY THE NRO TO MAKE SELECTIONS FOR THE PROGRAM. A SUBSET OF THE APPLICANTS WILL BE SELECTED FOR THE INTERVIEW. PRIMARY CRITERIA FOR INTERVIEW SELECTION WILL BE BASED UPON EACH APPLICANTS DEMONSTRATED AND POTENTIAL ACADEMIC

ABILITY, JOB EXPERIENCE AND PERFORMANCE, AND RECOMMENDATION LETTERS (ALL OF WHICH ARE CONTAINED IN THE APPLICATION PACKAGE).

THE APPLICATION PACKAGE MUST CONSIST OF THE FOLLOWING:

A. AF FORM 3849 (ENSURE COMMANDER SIGNATURE IS TYPED BELOW SIGNATURE)

B. MILITARY RESUME OUTLINING THE MEMBER'S CAREER EXPERIENCE AND INTENTIONS, AS WELL AS WHAT EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS (FROM THE LIST ABOVE) THE MEMBER DESIRES TO APPLY FOR AND AN UNCLASS

E-MAIL ADDRESS FOR BOTH APPLICANT AND HIS/HER COMMANDER

C. DOCUMENTED RELEASE FROM OFFICER'S AFPC ASSIGNMENT TEAM RELEASING APPLICANT FOR SCHOOL ATTENDANCE AND A FOLLOW-ON ASSIGNMENT TO NRO (EMAILS ARE ACCEPTABLE). ASSIGNMENT MANAGERS CAN BE FOUND ON THE HQ AFPC WEB-SITE

@ [HTTP://WWW.AFPC.RANDOLPH.AF.MIL](http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil).

D. COPIES OF GRE SCORES (MUST BE WITHIN THE PAST 5 YEARS).

COMPUTER BASED GRE TESTS CAN BE TAKEN 6 DAYS A WEEK AND CAN BE TAKEN MORE THAN ONCE. GRE TESTS CAN BE SCHEDULED VIA THE WEBSITE [WWW.GRE.COM](http://www.gre.com) OR BY

CALLING 1-800-GRE-CALL.

E. COPIES OF ALL OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPTS

F. NO MORE THAN THREE LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

G. COPIES OF LAST FIVE OPRS

H. AFIT ELIGIBILITY LETTER (OBTAINED BY CONTACTING AFIT COUNSELORS AT 1-800-211-5097 OR AT [HTTP://EN.AFIT.EDU/ADMISSIONS/](http://en.afit.edu/admissions/)).

5. FY10 NRO AAD PROGRAM TIMELINE:

A. SPRING 09 - MESSAGE RELEASED

B. 30 JUN 09 - APPLICATIONS DUE TO FSS FORMAL TRAINING

C. 24 JUL 09 - CANDIDATES IDENTIFIED FOR INTERVIEWS

D. 01-03 SEP 09 - INTERVIEWS CONDUCTED (DATES MAY VARY DUE TO NUMBER OF APPLICANTS)

E. OCT 09 - SELECTIONS ANNOUNCED

F. AUG 2010 - SCHOOL BEGINS

6. PLEASE FAX ALL APPLICATION PACKAGES TO DSN 898-5487 OR COMMERCIAL (703) 808-5487.

PACKAGES MAY ALSO BE MAILED TO: ATTENTION FORCE SUPPORT STAFF FORMAL TRAINING,

NATIONAL RECONNAISSANCE OFFICE, OFFICE OF CORPORATE COMMUNICATIONS, 14675 LEE ROAD, CHANTILLY VA 20151.

7. THE NRO POC IS FSS FORMAL TRAINING, DSN 898-2421 OR 898-6368, COMM (703) 808-2421 OR (703) 808-6368,

E-MAIL FSS-FORMALTRAINING@NRO.MIL