

The National Reconnaissance Office
BPO/CSNR is now accepting 2021 PIONEER NOMINATIONS



The National Reconnaissance Pioneer Program recognizes and honors individuals who have made significant and lasting contributions to national reconnaissance-pioneering contributions that were innovative, remarkable, and changed the direction and scope of the discipline and its practice. Each year, the DNRO selects and recognizes very few individuals as Pioneers of National Reconnaissance. As of 2020, there have been 97 Pioneers that have been recognized and inducted. It is the highest honor in the field of national reconnaissance.

You can submit Nomination Form with BIO or RESUME (in NRO Format) to email: CSNR@nro.mil. Deadline for NOMINATIONS is 23 August 2021.

Fact Sheet and Selection Criteria Checklist gives an overview regarding nomination specifications.

Any U.S. citizen (federal employee, private sector employee, retired person, or other private citizen) may initiate and nominate individuals as candidates for consideration for selection as a Pioneer of National Reconnaissance.

Eligibility: The following category of individuals, whether U.S. or foreign nationals, in active or retired status, living or deceased, are eligible to be designated as Pioneer of National Reconnaissance:

- 1) Federal civilian employees (not limited to NRO employment);
- 2) Military personnel (not limited to assignment to the NRO);
- 3) Contractor and industry employees; and
- 4) Members of the academic and research communities.

The following individuals (whom DNRO has previously recognized) are ineligible to be designated as Pioneers of National Reconnaissance:

- 1) Former DNROs, Principal Deputy Directors (PDDs), Deputy Directors (DDs);
- 2) Directors of the former NRO alphabetic programs;
- 3) Founders of National Reconnaissance; and
- 4) Previously inducted Pioneers of National Reconnaissance.

For more information - visit:

www.nro.gov/History-and-Studies/Center-for-the-Study-of-National-Reconnaissance/Leaders-Pioneers-Artifacts/