

DHS Academic Programs Fall Open Season – CG Application Dates Now Available

**Please note some links require CAC access*

A. Center for Homeland Defense and Security (CHDS):

1. The Emergence Program

The Emergence Program is a unique opportunity for homeland security/public safety professionals who are in the early stage (3-10 years) of their careers. The program provides an educational forum and innovation lab for participants to explore “emerging” trends in the world around us (e.g., technology, social, and terrorism). Both sessions are held at the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, CA, or online if COVID protocol prevents the in-residence sessions. This program is fully funded by a FEMA grant.

- Eligibility: GS-9 - GS-12 with 3 to 10 years of federal work experience in any area (does not need to be homeland security related).
- Application Deadline: Completed nomination packages are due to the CG POC NLT COB 02 Nov 2022.
- Program Duration: Two (2) one-week sessions over six (6) months with approximately two (2) months of online work prior to both week one and week two.
- Resident Session Dates: 26-31 Mar and 12-16 Jun 2023.

<https://www.chds.us/c/academic-programs/emergence/>

2. The Master’s Degree

The Master’s Degree program focuses on building collaboration among local, tribal, state, and federal leaders who develop strategies, plans, and programs to prepare and respond to national security threats and catastrophic events. This is an 18-month program that requires two weeks of residency per quarter, with the remainder of the work completed online. This degree is fully funded by a FEMA grant.

- Eligibility: GS-12 - GS-15, O3 - O6, SES or equivalent. Exceptional GS-11s may apply. Federal employees who have been with DHS for at least one year are eligible to apply.
- Application Deadline: Completed nomination packages are due to the CG POC NLT COB 28 Oct 2022.
- Program Duration: 18 months
- Resident Session Dates: Seven sessions listed at:

<https://www.chds.us/c/academic-programs/masters>

3. The Executive Leaders Program Spring Cohort

The Executive Leaders Program Spring Cohort consists of four one-week, in-residence sessions over a nine-month period. Each of the four sessions is conducted at the CHDS campus in Monterey, CA. This program is fully funded by a FEMA grant.

- Eligibility: GS-15, O5 - O6, SES or equivalent. Any
- individual who has completed a degree under a DHS Graduate Academic
- Program within the last three years is not eligible to apply.
- Federal employees who have been with DHS for at least one year are eligible to apply.
- Application Deadline: Completed nomination packages are due to the CG POC NLT COB 09 Dec 2022.
- Program Duration: Twelve months.
- Resident Session Dates: Four residential sessions listed at:

<https://www.chds.us/c/academic-programs/elp>

(CHDS courses requires Civilian employees applying to its programs to complete two applications — a DHS-internal nomination application, and an application through CHDS. Employees who are interested in applying should complete both applications at the same time.

Active Duty military members applying for CHDS courses submit completed application forms directly to the school (and do not submit the DHS application) using the following procedures:

1. *Submit an official application via the CHDS website.*
2. *Send email to SMB-COMDT-CG128-DHSAcademicProgramsAdministration@uscg.mil for tracking purposes. Include only your name, program name, and dates for which you applied.*

See below for additional application guidelines.)

B. DHS Missions Fellows Program (JMFP)

The JMFP is an online program that builds a cadre of mid-level leaders with formal mission skills, qualifications, and experience. Fellows participate in a six-month developmental program to inculcate national strategic and operational planning skills and knowledge. The JMFP advances national and homeland security objectives, while building core leadership methods and techniques, with an emphasis on leadership in crises, ethical, scientifically supported, critical analysis, and decision making. The program surveys important events in American military, political, economic, and social history.

- Eligibility: GS-11 - GS-13, O3 - O4 or E5 - E6.
- Application Deadline: Completed nomination packages are due to the CG POC NLT COB 10 Nov 2022.
- Program Duration: 6 months.
- Session Dates: Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 7 Feb through 13 Jul 2023.
- The JMFP is delivered entirely online. Tuition, books and fees are funded by DHS. For additional information, including schedule and application, see:

<https://dhsconnect.dhs.gov/org/comp/mgmt/dhshr/emp/Pages/joint-mission-program.aspx>

C. The National Intelligence University (NIU)

NIU is a unique and technologically advanced university focused on the intelligence profession. It is the only institution of higher education in the nation that allows its students to study and complete research in the Top Secret/Sensitive Compartmentalized Information (TS/SCI) arena.

1. Master of Science of Strategic Intelligence and Master of Science of Technology Intelligence

The Master of Science of Strategic Intelligence and Master of Science of Technology Intelligence are both designed to develop global awareness and increase understanding of how historical, economic, cultural, political and social contexts affect intelligence and national security.

- Eligibility: GS-9 and above
- Application Deadline: Completed nomination packages are due to the CG POC NLT COB 28 Oct 2022.
- Program Duration: 11 months in-residence.
- Session Dates: Course timeline TBD.
- Tuition is funded through arrangements between DHS and NIU. All other expenses (books, travel or moving costs, lodging, per diem, and other incidental expenses) are the responsibility of the student or the applicant's Component.
- This program requires completion of two applications: a
- DHS-internal application, and the NIU application. Employees who are interested in applying for this program should complete both applications at the same time.

<https://dhsconnect.dhs.gov/org/comp/mgmt/dhshr/emp/Pages/AcademicInteragency.aspx#NIU>

2. Bachelor of Science in Intelligence

The Bachelor of Science in Intelligence is a fourth-year program that affords students who have completed three years or equivalent credits (80 semester hours minimum) of undergraduate study a way to earn their undergraduate degree in intelligence. It is designed to encourage the development of inquiring, responsible graduates who will dedicate themselves to the improvement of the national Intelligence Community.

- Eligibility: GS-7 and above
- Application Deadline: Completed nomination packages are due to the CG POC NLT COB 28 Oct 2022.
- Program Duration: 11 months in-residence.
- Session Dates: Course timeline TBD.
- Tuition is funded through arrangements between DHS and NIU. All other expenses (books, travel or moving costs, lodging, per diem, and other incidental expenses) are the responsibility of the student or the applicant's Component.

- This program requires completion of two applications: a DHS-internal application, and the NIU application. Employees who are interested in applying for this program should complete both applications at the same time.

<https://dhsconnect.dhs.gov/org/comp/mgmt/dhshr/emp/Pages/AcademicInteragency.aspx#NIU>

D. DoD Senior Service Schools

The Department of Defense Service Schools foster employee development by using educational curricula at respected academic institutions across the country to cultivate creative homeland security strategic analysis and decision-making skills to prepare future leaders at DHS.

- Eligibility: Varies.
- Application Deadline: Completed nomination packages are due to the CG POC NLT COB 10 Nov 2022.
- Program Duration: Varies between 10-12 months.
- Location and Session Dates: Varies.
- Tuition is funded through arrangements between DHS and the Department of Defense.
- Only one application is required for the Department of Defense Senior Service Schools. Individuals applying to more than one school must submit a different application for each school.

<https://dhsconnect.dhs.gov/org/comp/mgmt/dhshr/emp/Pages/DOD-Senior-Service-Schools.aspx>

E. Application Procedures:

Application procedures for the DHS Academic Programs courses are available at:

<https://dhsconnect.dhs.gov/org/comp/mgmt/dhshr/emp/Pages/AcademicPrograms.aspx>

**Note that all applications are due to the CG by COB on the date listed for each individual program (and not the DHS due dates listed on the DHS Academic Programs website).

Please submit applications to SMB-COMDT-CG128-DHSAcademicProgramsAdministration@uscg.mil, placing the name of the program in the subject line of your email.

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