

## WILLIAM J PERRY CENTER FOR HEMISPHERIC DEFENSE STUDIES

### GOVERNANCE AND STRATEGY FOR SECURITY AND DEFENSE 2024 (GSSD 2024)

Application Period: 08 Apr – 10 Jun, 2024

Online Preparatory Phase: 19 – 30 Aug, 2024

In-Residence Phase: 09 – 20 Sep, 2024

**THIS IS AN IN-RESIDENCE COURSE BASED IN WASHINGTON, DC**

For additional information, please contact our registrar office at [chdsregistrar@ndu.edu](mailto:chdsregistrar@ndu.edu)

#### WHO CAN USE THIS ONLINE APPLICATION

- Civilians (government and non-government)
- Retired military
- Non-military police
- Foreign active-duty military personnel who live in the Washington, DC metropolitan area

**FOREIGN MILITARY PERSONNEL WHO LIVE OUTSIDE OF THE UNITED STATES MUST CONTACT THE OFFICE OF MILITARY COOPERATION (MILGROUP) AT THE US EMBASSY IN THEIR COUNTRY TO APPLY.**



**GRADUATES OF OUR IN-RESIDENCE COURSES MUST WAIT A MINIMUM OF 18 MONTHS IN BETWEEN COURSES, SUBJECT TO A MAXIMUM OF 2 SCHOLARSHIPS PER 10-YEAR PERIOD. FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE VISIT VIEW THE “WHO CAN APPLY” SECTION AT [HTTPS://WJPCENTER.ORG/ACADEMICS/THE-APPLICATION-PROCESS](https://wjpcenter.org/academics/the-application-process)**



**ALL APPLICANTS WILL RECEIVE NOTIFICATION VIA E-MAIL APPROXIMATELY THREE WEEKS BEFORE THE START OF THE PREPARATORY PHASE IF THEY HAVE BEEN SELECTED, 2) HAVE BEEN PLACED ON THE WAITING LIST, OR 3) HAVE NOT BEEN SELECTED.**

**ONCE YOU BEGIN FILLING OUT THE ONLINE APPLICATION, YOU WILL HAVE TO SUBMIT IT IN THE SAME SESSION. YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO SAVE YOUR PROGRESS AND RETURN TO IT LATER.**



The application process includes answering essay questions (listed below). Before loading the application form, you might wish to review the essay questions and write your responses separately. The online application will let you copy and paste text into the appropriate fields.

Essay Question 1 (300 word max):

Please describe current role(s) and responsibilities you have at your job, your organization's mission in relation to security and/or defense.



Essay Question 2 (300 word max):

How will attending this course benefit you (in your current or future position) or your organization?

**UPON APPLYING, I CERTIFY THAT:**

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- I have read the general course description, candidate profile, and the application instructions on this document and the Perry Center web site.
- I understand that this includes an online preparatory phase before the in-residence phase begins. Successful completion of the preparatory phase through active participation and completion of assignments is required to attend the in-residence portion of this course.
- I agree to abide by the National Defense University's Academic Integrity Policy and Non-Attribution Policy (Chatham House Rule), available at <https://wjpcenter.org/academics/academic-integrity>.
- I understand that all courses are subject to availability of funds.
- I meet the language requirements for this course.
- I have provided nothing but truthful and accurate information.



**ONLINE APPLICATION LINK FOR THE GSSD 2024 COURSE**

<https://rcpams.dsca.mil/dscarc/default?regcenterid=11&eventid=61067&reltype=12479>

**AFTER YOU COMPLETE THE ONLINE APPLICATION FORM AND HAVE RECEIVED YOUR CONFIRMATION CODE, PLEASE SEND THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS TO [CHDSREGISTRAR@NDU.EDU](mailto:CHDSREGISTRAR@NDU.EDU):**

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- **Passport / Visa Information**
  - Copy of a valid passport and visa; if you do not have one (or both), provide the date you expect to receive your documents.
  - If you are a civilian government employee applying as a self-nominee, you will not be able to use your official passport. You must use a personal passport and visa.
- **Two (2) letters of recommendation**
  - One of the letters must be from your supervisor / chain of command.
  - Both letters should specifically indicate what you would be contributing to the course, and what benefits you and/or your organization would derive from your attendance, should you be selected to participate.
  - Both letters must be dated no earlier than 60 days before your actual application date.
  - Individuals who are independent contractors or sole proprietors must still submit two letters of recommendation from professional references addressing the above points.
  - Both letters should be addressed to the Director of the William J. Perry Center for Hemispheric Defense Studies.
- **Professional Experience Form (available for download directly below). The form must be completed fully. DO NOT ATTACH a copy of your own CV in lieu of completing the form:**
  - English version - <https://bit.ly/wjpc-exper-en>
  - Spanish version - <https://bit.ly/wjpc-exper-es>

When you send your documents via e-mail, the subject line must contain your last name, country, course, and confirmation code provided to you by the system.

Example: **SMITH – JAMAICA – GSSD 2024 – QPLFHNJ1234.**



**APPLICATIONS ARE NOT CONSIDERED COMPLETE UNTIL ALL REQUIRED DOCUMENTS (ONLINE APPLICATION FORM, LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION, PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE FORM, PASSPORT/VISA INFO) ARE RECEIVED.**