



# Reserve Action Bulletin



## Reserve Post-Grad Program: Masters of Science in Strategic Intelligence

Applications for the Fall 2020 convening of the National Intelligence University (NIU) Masters of Science in Strategic Intelligence (MSSI) program are now being accepted. This is an extremely competitive and rewarding program offering a rare and highly competitive opportunity to obtain a post-graduate degree while still a drilling Reserve member.

Reserve officers (O3-O4) *and* Reserve Intelligence Specialists (IS1 and above) are eligible to apply and should follow the directions outlined in ALCGRSV 008/19 (attached). Contact the point of contact listed in the message with questions.

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ALCGRSV 008/19

SUBJ: AY20 NIU RESERVE MSSI PROGRAM SOLICITATION ANNOUNCEMENT

1. This message solicits for the National Intelligence University (NIU) Fall 2020 Reserve Monthly Executive Format Masters of Science in Strategic Intelligence (MSSI) program.
2. The Reserve Monthly Executive Format MSSI program is a two year program that is designed to prepare students for the complexity of intelligence work in the 21st century. The curriculum focuses on three main themes: globalization, future-focused intelligence, and intelligence for national security.
3. Students attend Saturday and Sunday classes from 0730 to 1600 one weekend per month, with a two week intensive in-residence period each summer. The program is scheduled to begin in August 2020. Applicants should carefully review NIU admission and eligibility requirements at: [www.ni-u.edu](http://www.ni-u.edu). Students are provided 2 years to complete NIU course requirements and one additional year may be granted to complete thesis requirements on a case by case basis with prior written approval from the USCG Senior Service Advisor. Payback tours in intelligence will be required.
4. The program is limited to reserve officers O-3 to O-4 and reserve intelligence specialists E-6 and above. Selectees may not be considered for long-term ADOS opportunities while enrolled. Selectees are required to give up their current SELRES billet and will be placed in a temporary SELRES billet to attend NIU in a pay status. IDT travel costs are not funded by the CG and will be borne by the member. Previous CG intelligence tours are required.
5. TS/SCI clearance is required. Applicants must be U.S. citizens and remain eligible for a Top Secret Clearance with access to SCI.



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## 6. Application process:

a. Applications must be completed within the “My Panel Submissions” module in Direct Access (DA). Do not use “PCS E-Resumes” to apply. Applications must address your reasons for applying to the MSSSI program. Applicants should refer to the guidance available on CG PSC-RPM webpage at: <http://www.dcms.uscg.mil/RPM-1/Boards and Panels/> for detailed instructions on submitting applications via "My Panel Submissions."

b. Command endorsement: A positive command endorsement is required for this program and must contain a written opinion of the applicant's interest, ability, and potential value to the Service as related to the curriculum. Only endorsements from the immediate command are authorized. Any member who does not receive a positive endorsement will not be eligible to compete. This endorsement may be made by the designated Commanding Officer of Military Personnel for Sector Personnel.

## 7. Deadlines:

a. 3 May 2019: Deadline for required documents and e-Resumes to arrive at CG PSC-RPM. E-Resumes submitted after the application deadline will not be accepted. Applicants who do not submit both the required documents and e-Resume will not be allowed to compete.

b. 14 May 2019: MSSSI Selection Panel will be held at CG PSC.

8. All applicants are encouraged to review their official records to ensure its completeness prior to the panel convening date. To find out more about obtaining a copy of your EI-PDR, please visit the CG PSC-PSD-MR website:

<http://www.dcms.uscg.mil/Our-Organization/Assistant-Commandant-for-Human-Resources-CG-1/Personnel-Service-Center-PSC/BOPS/PSC-BOPS-C/PSC-BOPS-C-MR/>.

9. Applicants shall ensure their member information is correct in DA.

10. MSSSI Selection Panel POC: LT Joshua Denney, Chief, Reserve Boards and Panels Section, (202)795-6509, e-mail: [Joshua.A.Denney@uscg.mil](mailto:Joshua.A.Denney@uscg.mil).

11. CAPT Michael Wampler, Chief, CG PSC-RPM, sends.

12. Internet release authorized.