

National Security Agency (NSA)



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Intelligence Analysis Summer Program

About the Program

NSA's Intelligence Analysis Program offers rising college seniors the opportunity to receive training in a multi-faceted cryptologic discipline that involves research, analysis, and the presentation of findings that enable us to provide the fullest possible Signals Intelligence picture to U.S. policymakers, military commanders, and other Intelligence Community members.

NSA's Intelligence Analysis Summer Program is an intensive 12-week program for undergraduates entering the final year of an undergraduate degree program (juniors at the time of application).

Participants receive training in multiple cryptologic disciplines, including technical research and topical analysis. They research current foreign intelligence issues and present the results of their analysis. Their findings become part of NSA's effort to provide the fullest possible Signals Intelligence (SIGINT) picture to U.S. policymakers, military commanders, and other Intelligence Community members.

The program consists of formal classroom instruction, workshops, and agency facilities tours. Participants gain practical and theoretical knowledge of NSA, the SIGINT process, and the U.S. Intelligence Community. Classroom training is combined with mentoring by experienced NSA analysts to increase our insight into high priority intelligence targets.

Participants receive training in current analytic tools and tradecraft, conduct extensive independent research using numerous databases, prepare findings in a variety of formats and deliver a final project report to the sponsoring analytic organization.

Specific Skills Gained Include:

- Understanding modern digital communications
- Analyzing network structure
- Developing background on intelligence topics
- Using advanced tools in multiple operating system environments
- Advanced query techniques within extensive classified and unclassified databases
- Understanding the structure and processes of NSA and the U.S. Intelligence Community
- Conducting independent research and coordinating results with analysts in other disciplines across NSA's intelligence production organizations
- Preparing and presenting Signals Intelligence findings to help satisfy Executive Branch customer requirements

Application Deadline

Applications are accepted September 7th - October 31st of each year.

Salary

Students are paid a competitive salary commensurate with their education level.

Benefits:

- Receive annual and sick leave, federal holidays
- Participation in select Agency-wide extracurricular programs
- Those who attend schools in excess of 75 miles from Fort Meade, MD are eligible for a round trip airline ticket to and from school or mileage reimbursement up to the cost of a government issued airline ticket

Qualifications

- Required: U.S. citizenship
- Required: Eligible to be granted a security clearance
- Required: Full time undergraduate student entering the final year of an undergraduate degree program (juniors at the time of application)
- Required: Applicant must be available for the entire length of the program (24 May - August 13, 2010)
- Desired: Students attending schools designated by the Office of the Director of National Intelligence as an Intelligence Community Center of Academic Excellence (IC CAE) in National Security Studies and designated as IC Scholars are particularly encouraged to apply. IC CAE schools are listed at the following link: <http://www.dni.gov/cae/institutions.htm>
- Desired: A minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale
- Major studies areas of consideration:
 - International affairs
 - Intelligence/Security studies
 - Regional studies
 - Geography
 - Anthropology
 - Political Science (international topics)

- o Note: minors, certificate programs or multiple courses in computer science, networking or telecommunications areas are helpful but not required

How to Apply

Applications must be submitted online between August 1 and October 31, 2009. Applications received after the deadline and incomplete packets will not be considered.

To submit a resume online during an open season, click on any "Apply Online" link. Under Basic Job Search , type keywords Intelligence Analysis Summer Program and click on "search". Select Intelligence Analysis Summer Program and click "Apply Now". Follow directions as prompted.

To be considered for the Intelligence Analysis Summer Program, submit a complete application packet that includes:

- A resume
- Official transcripts*

IMPORTANT: When applying online, only submit your resume via the web. Please e-mail unofficial transcripts to ljmcwee@nsa.gov at the same time. Applications unaccompanied by emailed unofficial transcripts will not be considered.

*Grades must be submitted for all undergraduate courses already complete. Unofficial transcripts will be accepted for application purposes; official transcripts will be required prior to an official employment offer and should be mailed to:

National Security Agency

Office of Recruitment and Hiring
P.O. Box 1661
Attn: MB3 Summer, Suite 6779
Fort Meade, MD 20755-6779

For additional information, please e-mail ljmcwee@nsa.gov or call (410) 854-4726.