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# National Defense University Creating a Strategic Advantage

Under the direction of the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, **National Defense University** is the nation's preeminent education institution for advanced national security strategy and leadership development. The National Defense University (NDU) prepares selected civilian and military professionals from the U.S. and over 75 allied countries to serve as tomorrow's decision and policy makers at the highest levels of command in military, government, and key industry sectors.

National Defense University creates **strategic advantage** by developing warfighters, international peacekeeping, joint military, and other national security leaders through a curricula focused on diplomacy, information management, military, and economic centric education programs as well as robust research, and engagement.

NDU develops critical thinkers, joint warfighters, and strategic national security leaders equipped to understand, develop, and employ strategies that incorporate all elements of global peacekeeping and national power to prevail against the threats of today and tomorrow.

***"The National Defense University is one of the only American institutions that really does bring together members of military, the government, civilians and industry and help shape tomorrow's national security leaders."***

Virginia M. Rometty, Executive Chairman, IBM (former Chairman, President & CEO).

## NDU: Five Premier Graduate Colleges One Exceptional University



National War College:  
National Security Strategy  
Established in 1946



The Eisenhower School:  
National Resource Strategy  
Established in 1924



The College of International  
Security Affairs: Strategic  
Security Studies  
Established in 1949



Joint Forces Staff College:  
Joint Operations  
Established in 1946



College of Information and  
Cyberspace: Government  
Information Leadership  
Established in 1964

**Research Institute, Advanced  
Professional Development,  
Senior Officer Training**



General/Flag Officer & Senior NCO  
Courses (1-star, 3-star, E-9)



Institute for National  
Strategic Studies



Middle States  
Commission on Higher  
Education

# National Defense University Foundation: A Force Multiplier



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The National Defense University Foundation (NDU Foundation) secures funding and resources to support the academic and professional development programs for senior military and diplomatic leaders attending NDU. The NDU Foundation engages military and diplomatic senior leaders with private sector thought leaders and subject matter experts within and across the national security industrial complex. These partnerships offer corporations relevant opportunities and engagement into current national security issues, allowing business leaders to adapt operational strategies to better match the priorities and objectives of DoD, Homeland Security, and other agencies charged with our national security.

## What NDUF does:

- **SECURE** resources for high priority, performance-based initiatives not covered in NDU budgets or public funding.
- **FORGE** public-private partnerships and build programs that ensures NDU remains the crown jewel of joint interagency education.
- **FACILITATE** relationships that provide a conduit for private sector expertise and capabilities that enables best-in class transformation and innovation at National Defense University.

*The lasting measure of our success is found in the peace and security enjoyed by the United States, and our partners and allies.*

## CREATING AND SECURING A STRONGER PEACE

## How NDUF supports NDU: Recent Accomplishments:

- Established **The Michael Tang Fund for Excellence** and Innovation benefitting the NDU in the areas of faculty excellence and research, student success and research, international relations, and improving the University.
- Launched the **McNair Partners** comprised of industry leaders who advise, guide, and engage with strategic thinkers and global experts who can influence and drive innovation, support NDU faculty excellence and research, expand student success, nurture robust international engagement, and contribute leading edge infrastructure and education capabilities.
- Created the **National Security Resource Advisory Council**.
- Supported NDU Faculty and Students by connecting them to **McNair Partners** who are leaders at the tip of the technology spear in areas like **AI, Quantum Computing, Digital Acquisition, and JADC2**.
- Launched **National Security Briefing Series**.
- Convened the **Innovation Workshop**, inaugural gathering focused on the nation's COVID-19 Pandemic Response.
- Honored the Office of the Chairman of **Joint Chiefs of Staff** with the 2022 American Patriot Award.

NDU Foundation drives vital support and resources to National Defense University for the sole purpose of ensuring NDU remains a world-class university offering a best-in-class approach to senior leader development for the nation and our allies. We are able to provide resources because of the generosity of corporations and individuals who recognize the importance of education and professional development for our nation's military, intelligence and peacekeeping leaders charged managing and maintaining global peace and security. This effort is fueled by the understanding of the important role that public private partnerships play in our national security and defense ecosystem. Together with our supporters, NDUF provides much needed resources to foster faculty excellence, support student success, build international relationships, and improve NDU. We gratefully acknowledge the investment in the future that our partners make when they support NDU Foundation.

Partnership with the NDU Foundation is an investment in democracy and in the leadership development of domestic and international security and defense professionals studying at NDU.

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