

Opportunity Title: STEM Research Participation Program: US Naval Postgraduate School
Opportunity Reference Code: NPS-2026-0002

Organization U.S. Department of Defense (DOD)

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Description The Higher Education Research Participant Program at the Naval Postgraduate School (NPS) is designed to attract talented undergraduate and graduate students, and recent graduates to join ongoing research programs in science, technology, engineering and mathematics topic areas.

What will I be doing?

As an Oak Ridge Institute for Science and Education (ORISE) participant, you will have the opportunity to explore a federal career and gain a competitive edge as you build and gain knowledge in STEM subject areas as you apply your education, talent, and skills in a variety of settings.

Why should I apply?

Under the guidance of a mentor, you will gain hands-on experience to support your academic and professional goals. Along the way, you will engage in activities and research in several areas. These include, but are not limited to:

- Understanding how to collaborate with team members on research projects
- Developing data collection skills
- Increase skills in reduction and analysis along with communicating results through presentations and written materials

Where will I be located?

Monterey, California

What is the anticipated start date?

The STEM Research Participation Program at the Naval Postgraduate School (NPS) is ready to make appointments immediately. Exact start dates will be determined at the time of selection and in coordination with the selected candidate. Applications are reviewed on an ongoing basis and internships or fellowships will be filled as qualified candidates are identified.

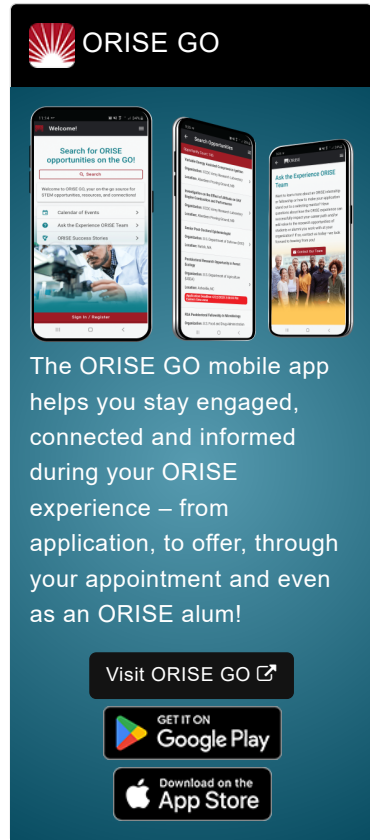
What is the appointment length?

An ORISE appointment period can be a short-term (typically 3-5 weeks), summer (10-12 weeks), or yearlong appointment. Appointments may be extended depending on funding availability, project assignment, program rules, and availability of the participant.

What are the provisions?

You will receive a stipend to be determined by NPS. Stipends are typically based on a participant's academic standing, discipline, experience, and research facility location. Other provisions may include the following:

- Health Insurance Supplement (*Participants are eligible to purchase health insurance through ORISE*)
- Relocation Allowance

The advertisement for the ORISE GO mobile app features the app's logo at the top. Below it, three smartphones display the app's interface, which includes a search bar, a list of opportunities, and a section for the ORISE team. The text below the phones states: "The ORISE GO mobile app helps you stay engaged, connected and informed during your ORISE experience – from application, to offer, through your appointment and even as an ORISE alum!". At the bottom, there are three buttons: "Visit ORISE GO" with an external link icon, "GET IT ON Google Play", and "Download on the App Store".

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- Training and Travel Allowance

About NPS

The mission of the Naval Postgraduate School provides relevant and advanced educational and research experience to commissioned officers of the Naval Service to increase their combat effectiveness and enhance the security of the United States. In support of this mission as well as to sustain academic excellence, NPS and the U.S. Department of the Navy (DoN) foster and encourage an academic program of relevant and meritorious naval research. NPS research supports the needs of the Navy and the U.S. Department of Defense while also building the intellectual capital of Naval Postgraduate School. For more information about NPS, visit: <https://my.nps.edu/>

About ORISE

This program, administered by Oak Ridge Associated Universities (ORAU) through its contract with the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) to manage the Oak Ridge Institute for Science and Education (ORISE), was established through an interagency agreement between DOE and DoD. Participants do not enter into an employee/employer relationship with ORISE, ORAU, DoD or any other office or agency. Instead, you will be affiliated with ORISE for the administration of the appointment through the ORISE appointment letter and Terms of Appointment. Proof of health insurance is required for participation in this program. Health insurance can be obtained through ORISE. For more information, visit the [ORISE Research Participation Program at the U.S. Department of Defense](#).

Qualifications The STEM Research Participant Program at the Naval Postgraduate School is open to all students and recent graduates who meet the following qualifications:

Open to qualified U.S. citizens, to foreign citizens who are eligible to participate as J-1 Exchange Visitors, and to foreign citizens eligible for other visa categories approved by the Sponsor and ORISE.

Individuals 18 years of age or older by the application deadline.

Meet one of the following conditions:

- Currently enrolled as an undergraduate or graduate student at an accredited institution of higher education pursuing a degree in a science, technology, engineering or mathematics (STEM) discipline, or have interest or experience in a STEM field.
- Have completed an undergraduate (B.A., B.S. or equivalent) or graduate (M.S., DVM, Ph.D., MD or equivalent) degree within three years of the application deadline in a STEM discipline, or have interest or experience in a STEM field.

U.S. Veterans are encouraged to apply.

Veteran's preference will be given to U.S. military veterans who have been honorably discharged and/or have been medically discharged because of a service-connected disability and have received a degree within 5 years of the application deadline.

Application Requirements

A complete application consists of:

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- Zintellect Profile
- Educational and Employment History
- Essay Questions (goals, experiences, and skills relevant to the opportunity)
- Resume (PDF)
- Transcripts/Academic Records - Please upload a copy of a transcript for your current or most recent degree program that meets the disciplinary qualifications of the opportunity. [Click here for detailed information about acceptable transcripts.](#)
- One Recommendation. Your application will be considered incomplete and will not be reviewed until one recommendation is submitted. We encourage you to contact your recommender as soon as you start your application to ensure they are able to complete the recommendation form and to let them know to expect a message from Zintellect. Recommenders will be asked to rate your scientific capabilities, personal characteristics, and describe how they know you. You can always log back in to your Zintellect account and check the status of your application.

If you have questions, send an email to navy@orise.orau.gov. Please list the reference code of this opportunity [NPS-2026-0002] in the subject line of the email. Please understand that ORISE does not review applications or select applicants; selections are made by the sponsoring agency identified on this opportunity. All application materials should be submitted via the "Apply" button at the bottom of this opportunity listing. Please do not send application materials to the email address above.

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Stipend \$3,250.00 – \$5,583.33 Monthly

Point of Contact [Richard](#)

**Eligibility
Requirements**

- **Degree:** Associate's Degree, Bachelor's Degree, Master's Degree, or Doctoral Degree received within the last 60 months or currently pursuing.
- **Discipline(s):**
 - **Chemistry and Materials Sciences** ([12](#) )
 - **Communications and Graphics Design** ([6](#) )
 - **Computer, Information, and Data Sciences** ([17](#) )
 - **Earth and Geosciences** ([21](#) )
 - **Engineering** ([29](#) )
 - **Environmental and Marine Sciences** ([14](#) )
 - **Life Health and Medical Sciences** ([51](#) )
 - **Mathematics and Statistics** ([11](#) )
 - **Other Non-Science & Engineering** ([13](#) )
 - **Physics** ([16](#) )
 - **Science & Engineering-related** ([2](#) )
 - **Social and Behavioral Sciences** ([30](#) )
- **Age:** Must be 18 years of age
- **Veteran Status:** Veterans Preference, degree received within the last 120 month(s).