

Summary of the Purdue Military Research Institute Scholarship Initiative

The Purdue Military Research Institute (PMRI) program started in the Fall of 2014. Housed in Purdue's College of Engineering, this effort is avidly supported by Purdue's President Daniels and partners with the Army, Navy and Marines, Air Force and Space Force to support 10 graduate tuition scholarships annually for active duty officers. The in-resident initiative focuses first on PhD candidates, but will consider MS applicants as well and matches students with Purdue faculty working DoD funded projects (other faculty research projects that parallel DoD interests are also considered). All tuition costs and fees applicable to completing the intended degree are without cost for both the Service and the student (please note, the student is responsible for books). Costs are borne by the Graduate School and the student faculty advisor. The Grad School provides Graduate Tuition Scholarships for up to 30 students total (and using PhD students as an example, that would equate to 10 students per year). Faculty advisors are responsible for \$8k annually per student. There are no stipends or added student fees. Students receive funding for up to 3 years to complete a PhD or up to 2 years to complete a MS (note, completion timelines for MS degrees may be shortened by the Services). We fully vet faculty to ensure they are aware of and are willing to support the cost and the accelerated program timelines.

Fields of study vary, but our focus is on STEM majors with application to DoD research. Accordingly, the majority of our students are in Engineering with some in Technology, Science and other Purdue graduate programs. We work with students to identify a faculty advisor in their area of study that is either doing DoD research today, is expecting to conduct DoD research in the future, or is conducting research in areas that have DoD potential interest. Most importantly, the program provides a win/win for all involved...our nation, Purdue, and for the Service and officer.

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President Daniels and Dean Mason and Fall 2018 PMRI Group at Hovde Hall.

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