

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ):

1. Who is eligible for program funding?

Department of Defense (DoD) employees are fully funded for Part 1 of the program, the Graduate Certificate in WMD Studies. Funding for Part 2, the Master of Science degree is funded either by the student's agency or by the student.

2. How much is the Graduate Certificate and Master of Science in WMD Studies for non-DoD applicants?

For current pricing, please contact Ms. Caron Tolton with Missouri State University at CaronTolton@missouristate.edu.

3. COVID-19: Can I complete the Program online?

Part I, the Graduate Certificate program, is available completely online. The exception is the 16-20 August - Colloquium I which, based on conditions prevailing at the time, may be conducted in-residence. If it is, the Fellowship will pay TDY costs for DoD members. A final decision regarding whether the Colloquium will be held online or in-residence will be announced in conjunction with acceptance letters, no later than 31 May 2021.

4. If I am self-funding, who do I contact to make a payment and/or to discuss payment options? MSU Financial Services handles payment arrangements. You cannot make a payment arrangement until you have applied, been accepted, and received a student identification number. Once you have been accepted into the program, MSU Financial Services contact information will be provided to you.

5. Can international military or civil service members apply to the Program?

No, unfortunately not at this time.

6. Can state or local government employees apply to program?

Not unless they have a formal association with the DoD, such as by being a member of the National Guard or the Reserves.

7. Can DoD contractors apply to the Program?

No.

8. Why do I have to sign a SF-182 Continued Service Agreement?

When the DoD or another federal government agency pays for an education or training program, it is making an investment into your career. The DoD and other organizations want to ensure that you will continue to serve the federal government and apply the knowledge that you learned to aid and advance the DoD's and federal government's mission and national security initiatives.

For fully funded DoD members, the continued service agreement to participate in the CWMD Graduate Fellowship Program is 1:1. This means you will need to remain in the DoD one year after completing the Graduate Certificate. The continued service requirement for all other members is determined by the funder.

9. What if I leave the DoD before my continued service agreement is up?

If you leave the DoD before your continued service agreement terms are over, you will incur an obligation to reimburse the DoD for the cost of the program.

10. What happens after I apply to the program?

If you are accepted: You will receive an e-mail from the CWMD Graduate Fellowship, Program Delivery Specialist notifying you that you have been selected for the program. You will have five business days to accept an offer of admission. If you fail to respond or decline the offer, the offer will become available to an individual on the waitlist.