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NRP OVERVIEW

The Naval Postgraduate School (NPS) Naval Research Program (NRP) is funded by the Secretary of the Navy (SECNAV), and supports research projects for the Navy and Marine Corps. The NRP research projects are comprised of individual research teams, where projects are conducted, NPS expertise is developed and then maintained, on behalf of the Navy and Marine Corps. The NPS NRP serves as a launch-point for new initiatives which posture naval forces to meet current and future operational warfighter challenges. The primary mechanism for obtaining NPS NRP support is through participation at NPS Naval Research Working Group (NRWG) research meetings that bring together fleet topic sponsors, NPS faculty members, and students, to discuss potential research initiatives.

MISSION

The mission of the NPS NRP is to facilitate a continuum of Navy and Marine Corps research projects for the purpose of meeting current and future naval research requirements, integrating NPS faculty into the total naval Research and Development (R&D) capability space, and disseminating the knowledge and expertise gained to both current and future naval operational forces (i.e. NPS students).

PROGRAM ORGANIZATION

The organization of the NPS NRP is based upon an annual research topic solicitation process that merges Department of Navy research, analysis, and studies requirements with NPS faculty and students who have unique expertise and experience. This process creates opportunities for NPS faculty and students to actively contribute to timely, real-world research, study and analysis issues. The process starts annually with the convening of the NRWG on site at NPS each spring.

GOALS

- Become a recognized partner from which naval R&D organizations seek out NPS in response to short, medium, and long-term time frame requirements.
- Develop a ready pool of faculty research expertise to address these requirements.
- Offer a venue for NPS students to identify thesis research opportunities in areas directly relevant to naval challenges and research needs.
- Become the recognized leader for providing cutting-edge graduate education for naval officers that includes research complementary to the Navy's and Marine Corps R&D requirements.

"... an active academic research program is vital to the quality of education provided to students, the attraction and retention of exceptional faculty members, and the provision of real-time, directly relevant deliverables to government sponsors."

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