



## What is the 2025 NPS International Alumni Symposium of the Americas?

The NPS International Alumni Symposium of the Americas offers North, Central and South American International graduates of NPS the opportunity to reconnect with fellow graduates, learn about cutting edge NPS programs, and share and expand their understanding of regional dynamics. Keynote remarks by senior leaders will be followed by expert academic and practitioner panel sessions, including many alumni, that encourage life-long learning in the fields of academic research, technological innovation, and strategic studies. The program provides opportunities to develop and sustain relationships among the NPS alumni attendees, as well as offering continued exposure to U.S. military and government institutions, and those of our partner and allied nations. There will be a robust spouses program this year. There is no rank requirement to participate though most attendees will be in the Lieutenant - Admiral ranks (U.S. Navy and Coast Guard) or Captain - General ranks (U.S. Army, Air Force, Marine Corps and Space Force). The first of these symposia was held in the Fall of 2023 with a focus on alumni from the Indo-Pacific region; in September 2024, the event was held in Garmisch-Partenkirchen, with a focus on our European region alumni. These in person NPS symposia will rotate annually across the globe to deliver educational opportunities, networking, and communication relevant to our NPS International alumni in each region.

## When is the 2025 NPS International Alumni Symposium of the Americas?

5 – 9 May 2025

## Who can attend the 2025 NPS International Alumni Symposium of the Americas?

**International Alumni, Active duty:** North, Central and South American International Military & Civilian alumni of NPS who are still on active duty or in service to their Ministry of Defense are eligible to attend this year's symposium.

**US Alumni, Active Duty:** A limited number of seats will be set aside for US Alumni on active duty in Europe.

**I'm retired, can I still attend?** In most cases, yes. While our priority is continuing education, training and engagement for those alumni who are still on active duty, there will be a limited number of seats available at the conference for fully retired alumni. However, US regulations prohibit fully retired alumni now working in the defense contracting business from attending the Symposium.

## How can I attend the Symposium?

Due to a limited number of seats and to ensure the Symposium has representation from each country, alumni must apply to attend. **Applications will open 1 November 2024** via an online portal and will be accepted through 15 December 2024.

The application can be found here: <https://forms.office.com/r/1s1LJ0XtVh>

After the alumni team reviews applications, those alumni selected to attend the symposium will be notified by our offices by 17 January 2025.

US alumni and any retired personnel selected to attend will be contacted by our team by 30 January 2025.

## What is the cost to attend?

**For active duty NPS alumni from Argentina, Bahamas, Belize, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador\*, El Salvador, Grenada, Guyana, Honduras\*, Jamaica, Mexico, Paraguay, Peru, Trinidad and Tobago, and Uruguay:**

The Security Cooperation Office (SCO) at the US Embassy will receive International Military Education and Training (IMET) funding to send between 1-10 participants from your country to the symposium. Just like programs at NPS, you will receive an Invitational Travel Order (ITO).

If you are not selected by the SCO to receive funding from the US Government to attend the symposium, you may still attend at your own cost, if accepted. Some countries' militaries provide funding for their service members to participate in continuing education programs, please check with your service to see if you qualify. You will still have to utilize the SCO for preparation and issuance of an ITO. The approximate cost to attend the conference (5 nights/ 4 days) is \$1200 USD and is payable directly to the hotel.

**For active duty NPS alumni from Canada and United States:**

There is currently no US government funding available to attend. Some countries' militaries will provide funding for their service members to participate in continuing education programs, please check with your service to see if you qualify. If accepted, the approximate cost to attend the conference (5 nights/4 days) is \$1200 USD.

## Where will the event be held?

The 2025 NPS International Alumni Symposium of the Americas will be held in Viña del Mar, Chile. If selected to attend, you will receive details on the registration process.

## Can I bring my spouse?

Yes! Symposium attendees may bring their spouse. You will be responsible for all other expenses related to your spouse (for example: meals, incidentals, travel, etc.). Spouses will not be included in the ITO. The Naval Postgraduate School Foundation and Alumni Association will provide activities for spouses during the Symposium. Spouses' identification information will be requested along with yours to facilitate gate access.

## Who can I contact with questions?

Event questions and alumni updates can be sent directly to [Ms. Erin Ferguson](mailto:erin.ferguson@nps.edu) .([erin.ferguson@nps.edu](mailto:erin.ferguson@nps.edu))

## Where can I find more information on alumni programs?

Look for updates on this event as well as other alumni opportunities on the International Graduate Programs Office website ([www.nps.edu/igpo](http://www.nps.edu/igpo)) and follow our LinkedIn page (<https://www.linkedin.com/company/naval-postgraduate-school-international-graduate-programs-office-igpo/> )

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