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NRP Overview

The Naval Postgraduate School (NPS) Naval Research Program (NRP) is funded by the Chief of Naval Operations and supports research projects for 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. NRP research projects are led by individual research teams that conduct research and through which NPS expertise is developed and maintained. The primary mechanism for obtaining NPS NRP support is through participation at NPS Naval Research Working Group (NRWG) meetings that bring together fleet topic sponsors, NPS faculty members, and students to discuss potential research topics and initiatives.

Mission

The NPS NRP mission is to: Provide operationally relevant research experiences to NPS faculty members, provide operationally relevant thesis opportunities to NPS students, and provide useful results from research projects and studies to topic sponsors across the naval enterprise and in coordination with the Navy Analytic Office.

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 organizations seek out NPS in response to emerging 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 and Marine Corps R&D requirements.

"…maintains a strong, relevant, and viable faculty research effort at the NPS to support core Navy mission and DoD research requirements. Research assures the continued relevance of the NPS faculty capabilities and that the latest processes, materials, and technologies can be transferred to the USN and the USMC to help strengthen the Nation's defense."

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