

# The Climate Security Fellowship

A Joint Effort of Naval Postgraduate School and Stanford Doerr School of Sustainability

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Attention Graduate Students and Postdocs:

- The Climate Security Fellowship is designed to enrich graduate student experiences at NPS and Stanford by creating a space to learn about and discuss major issues in climate change, national security, and sustainability. It is an unpaid fellowship and while most Fellows sessions are virtual, there will be optional in-person events during the year.
- Climate security represents the physical, economic, or societal impacts associated with climate change that substantially alter political stability, human security, or critical infrastructure. As a result, it amplifies existing risks that endanger the security of humans, ecosystems, economy, infrastructure, and societies.
- There is a gap in collaboration between military and civilian experts that can contribute new knowledge and deploy solutions within the defense and security sectors and public and private partners. This fellowship aims to foster future leaders to bridge this gap.

## 1) Tentative Schedule:

Sessions are generally 3 – 4:30 pm ET / 12 – 1:30 pm PT on Fridays.

- a) September 2024 – Introductory Sessions (will be recorded)
- b) Oct 2024 – Virtual Content Session
- c) Nov 2024 – Virtual Content Session - Communications (via COMPASS)
- d) Nov/Dec 2024 – Virtual Meeting (to discuss projects; will be recorded)
- e) Jan 2025 - Virtual Content Session
- f) Jan/Feb 2025 – Optional Communications Workshop (via COMPASS)
- g) Feb 2025 - Virtual Content Session
- h) Mar 2025 - Virtual Content Session
- i) Mar/Apr 2025 - Optional Communications Workshop (via COMPASS)
- j) Apr 2025 - Virtual Content Session
- k) May 2025 - Virtual Meeting – Fellows Presentations

The program aligns to the three bins of the NPS-Doerr partnership, which are energy security, ocean sciences, and climate security and sustainability. For topics, sessions may also align with priorities laid out in the [Navy Climate Strategy](#). Potential topics may include:

- Issues related to US national security policy and climate change
- Military installations and surrounding communities impacted by climate change
- The nexus of environmental security, climate security, and energy
- Security and sustainability implications of climate-induced migration
- Private and public competition amongst the Poles, specifically in the Arctic

- Topics chosen by faculty as timely and relevant to climate security and participating curricula

## 2) Requirements for Fellows

- **Attend** 4 of the 6 virtual content sessions.
- **Complete** assigned readings prior to the start of the respective session.
- **Join NPS Climate & Security Network** for time period of fellowship.
- **Write** a short white paper focused on a topic of your choice related to climate security challenges. Faculty mentors will assist.
- **Present** a brief on your white paper and lessons learned from the fellowship at the final session in May 2025.
- Application requirements
  - Graduate students/postdocs are asked to submit the following materials.
  - Resume/CV (**max 2 pages**)
    - Make sure to indicate current program of study
    - Include email and cell phone number
    - Include last name in name of file
  - Brief Statement of Interest (**400 words or less**)
    - Why do you want to join this fellowship?
    - Why are you interested in climate security?
    - Include last name in name of file
- **Submit application by close of business on 15 September 2024** to:
  - Kristen Fletcher, Climate & Security Network/Naval Postgraduate School:  
[Kristen.fletcher@nps.edu](mailto:Kristen.fletcher@nps.edu)
  - Please use "*Fellows Application*" in the subject line.