

WELCOME TO THE GRADUATE STUDENT ACQUISITION RESEARCH PROGRAM

March 2020

Program Details: The Acquisition Research Program (ARP) seeks quality graduate student research. The following list indicates the range of potential research areas of interest; acquisition and procurement policy; contract, supply chain, cost, project, logistics or engineering management; acquisition workforce; public budgeting and finance; outsourcing; performance measurements; collaboration; small business; human systems integration; and more. **Choose a sponsor topic or create one of your own.**

With program acceptance, ARP provides the following at no cost to you;

1. **Travel funding** (if needed)
2. **Professional editing** (when you complete 3 chapters and again when all chapters are complete)
3. **Transcription** support for digital recordings (if needed)

Program Expectations:


1. **Produce publishable research** (Public Release, Unlimited Distribution)
2. **Stay of Schedule and meet ARP milestones**
3. **Set a goal** to complete your research project 2 months prior to graduation
4. **Deliverables:**
 - a. Submit final WORD copy of your research report, and
 - b. Submit final results poster (ARP provides the template)

Milestones & Schedule:

Milestone	Due Date
Submit Application	26 Aug 2019
Travel Complete	11 Oct 2019
Data Collection Complete	1 Nov 2019
Submit Three Consecutive Chapters to ARP for Editing	13 Dec 2019
Submit All Chapters to ARP for editing	15 Jan 2020
Submit Final Results Poster to ARP	10 Feb 2020
Submit Final Research Report (WORD) to ARP	2 Mar 2020
Graduate	27 Mar 2020

Application: Write a cover email (BLUF) and attach your program application to ARP@nps.edu. Application can be found at <https://my.nps.edu/web/acqnresearch/student-program>.

Acquisition Research Program: www.acquisitionresearch.net, email: arp@nps.edu



Acquisition Research Program:
Creating Synergy for Informed Change

Graduate Student Acquisition Research Program (ARP)

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Quality Research : ARP Covers Costs

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ARP Mission

The NPS Acquisition Research Program, in collaboration with universities, think tanks, industry, and government, creates a stream of relevant information on acquisition policies and management processes, with viable recommendations for improvement.



ARP Purpose

The purpose of the program is to stimulate and support unclassified scholarly research in academic disciplines that bear on defense acquisition workforce and acquisition management, policy research and provide unclassified and non-proprietary findings suitable for publication in open scholarly literature.



ARP Goals

- Position NPS as a **recognized leader** in defense acquisition research.
- Establish NPS acquisition research as an **integral part of policy-making** for Department of Defense (DoD) officials.
- Create a **stream of relevant information** concerning the performance of DoD Acquisition policies with viable recommendations for continuous process improvement.
- **Prepare the DoD workforce** to participate in the continued evolution of the defense acquisition process.
- **Collaborate** with other universities, think tanks, industry and government in acquisition research.



Annual \$4M Program Portfolio

Graduate Student Research

- Supports 60-80 graduate students each year.
- Provides: topics, travel funding, professional editing and transcription services to graduate student researchers.

Faculty Research at NPS

- Supports 30 faculty in multiple disciplines across campus engaging in 15-20 research projects annually.

Grants to Other Universities / Think Tanks

- Supports 15 grants each year.



The Future of ARP

Graduate Student involvement in research ensures that the future acquisition workforce is prepared with the intellectual skills and practical knowledge needed for success.



Big “A” Defined

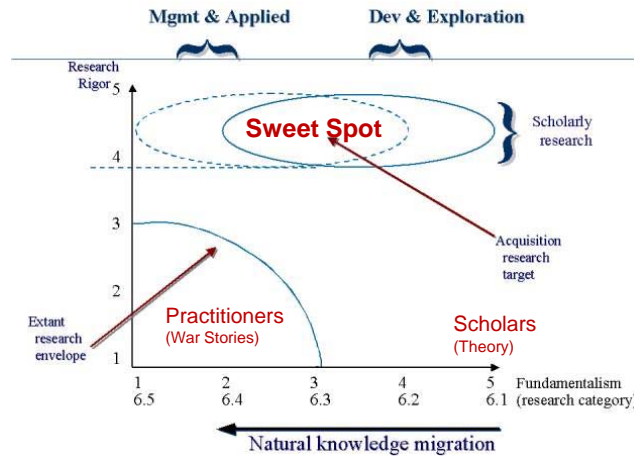
The phrase “defense acquisition management & policy research” refers to investigations in all disciplines, fields, and domains that

1. Are involved in the acquisition of products and/or services for national defense, or;
2. Could potentially be brought to bear to improve defense acquisition.

It includes but is not limited to acquisition and procurement policy; contract, supply chain, cost, project, logistics or engineering management; acquisition workforce; public budgeting and finance; outsourcing; performance measurements; collaboration; small business; human systems integration; and more.



Acquisition Research Space



DOD Research Scale applied to hard sciences



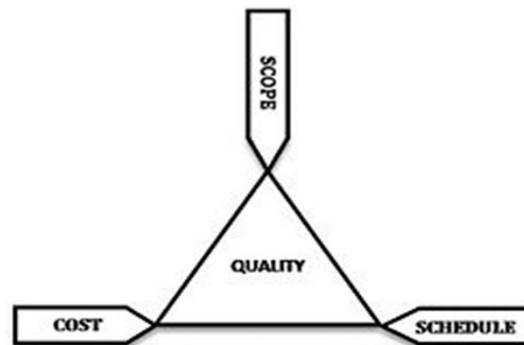
How does the Graduate Student ARP work?

1. Select Team Members (if applicable)
2. Select Topic
3. Select Advisors
4. Prepare and submit your MBA Project / Thesis Plan and IRB checklist to Python
5. Application: (see sample) Write a cover email (BLUF) and attach your program application to ARP@nps.edu .
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Manage Research, Scope & Stakeholder Expectations

Project Management Triple Constraint



One Side Cannot Change without Affecting the Others



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December 2019 Milestones & Schedule:

Milestone	Due Date
Submit Application	31 May 2019
Travel Complete	12 Jul 2019
Data Collection Complete	29 Jul 2019
Submit Three Consecutive Chapters to ARP for Editing	26 Aug 2019
Submit All Chapters to ARP for editing	27 Sep 2019
Submit Final Results Poster to ARP	28 Oct 2019
Submit Final Research Report (WORD) to ARP	25 Nov 2019
Graduate	20 Dec 2019

June 2020 Milestones & Schedule:

Milestone	Due Date
Submit Application	25 Nov 2019
Travel Complete	10 Jan 2020
Data Collection Complete	24 Jan 2020
Submit Three Consecutive Chapters to ARP for Editing	24 Feb 2020
Submit All Chapters to ARP for editing	30 Mar 2020
Submit Final Results Poster to ARP	24 April 2020
Submit Final Research Report (WORD) to ARP	22 May 2020
Graduate	12 Jun 2020

