



Defense Ventures Fellowship Application Overview

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Who can apply?

The application is open to all employees of the Department of Defense- any rank, any MOC, any service. If you are selected for a program, you will be required to submit an endorsement letter from your commander or supervisor granting you permission to participate in the fellowship during the full time immersion dates specified. If you are a member of the National Guard or Reserve, you will need to be placed on active duty status for the duration of the program.

All applicants must have at minimum 18 months from separation to be considered.

What is the schedule for 2022?

Session 1

- Part-time | Jan. 31 – Feb. 11
- Full-time | Feb. 14 – Mar. 28
 - Cohorts of up to 25 Fellows with a focus on Venture Capital, Tech Startups, Cyber & AI

Session 2 - Session 4

- Dates to be released

Does the Fellowship cost anything?

The program is funded by AFWERX and is free to all participants. Currently the program is remote or hybrid, but once it returns to in-person, your home unit would be responsible for TDY costs.

Where can I apply?

Complete your application at shift.org/dvp.

Can I apply to more than one Session?

For now, we ask that you only apply to one Session. You must complete a new application per Session.

When will I be notified?

We expect to select Fellows for the February cohort in the beginning of January 2022.

What is needed to prepare your application?

- An updated resume
- Your last two performance appraisals (2020-2021, with any PII masked)
- Completed essay questions (500 words max per question).
- Two References

If you are selected, you will need to confirm your participation by requesting additional materials and having your commander or supervisor sign an endorsement verifying your full time participation for the duration of the Fellowship.

Application Essay Questions

(500 words or less for each question)

1. Why are you interested in the Venture Capital, Tech Startup, Cyber & AI sectors? (Choose all that apply to you)
2. What value would you bring to a Venture Capital firm or Tech Startup company?
3. List any prior experience relevant to Venture Capital, Tech Startups, Cyber & AI.
4. How will the Fellowship further your career goals?
5. What value do you believe you will bring back to the Department of Defense during & after the Fellowship?