

RESERVE OFFICERS' TRAINING CORPS AND COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY

Supplemental Materials



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History and Background

- The United States Armed Forces is comprised of the US Army, US Navy, US Marine Corps, US Air Force and US Coast Guard
- All service branches fund and host ROTC units except the US Coast Guard
- The service commitment for students who utilize AROTC, AFROTC or NROTC scholarships is 4 years Active Duty or 8 years National Guard/Reserve Duty
- The US Air Force came into existence in 1947. It was a previously a part of the US Army
- **Morrill Act (1862):**

“There is granted to the several States, for the purposes hereinafter mentioned in this subchapter, an amount of public land, to be apportioned to each State a quantity equal to thirty thousand acres for each Senator and Representative in Congress to which the States are respectively entitled by the apportionment under the census of 1860: Provided, That no mineral lands shall be selected or purchased under the provisions of said sections.”¹

- **Mansfield Committee (1969):**

“In March 1969 a faculty-student committee chaired by government professor Harvey Mansfield recommended stripping ROTC courses of academic credit and ROTC instructors of Columbia faculty titles, essentially demoting ROTC to a kind of extracurricular status. After the Department of Defense made clear that current legislation would not allow ROTC programs under such conditions, the Trustees decided to phase out ROTC at Columbia, allowing cadets already in the program to complete their ROTC training along with their degrees.”²

- **Tien Special Task Force (1976):**

“The report concludes that while Columbia customarily entrusts decisions about new programs and appointments to its schools and departments, ‘any negotiations for an ROTC program are subject to the approval of the University Senate....’”³

¹ 7 U.S.C § 301

² Columbia University Senate 2005 ROTC Task Force Report

³ Columbia University Senate 2005 ROTC Task Force Report

Scholarships, Stipends and Summer Programs - Army ROTC

Scholarships

- Four Year Scholarship
 - Pays full college tuition and fees
 - Separate allowance for books
 - Monthly stipend
- Three Year Scholarship
 - Pays full college tuition and fees
 - Separate allowance for books
 - Monthly stipend
- Two Year Scholarship
 - Pays full college tuition and fees
 - Separate allowance for books
 - Monthly stipend
- If students receive an academic scholarship from the school that they will be attending they can convert their tuition into \$5,000 per semester of assistance for housing

Monthly Stipend

- 1st year, \$300 per month
- 2nd year, \$350 per month
- 3rd year, \$450 per month
- 4th year, \$500 per month

Summer Programs

- Cadet Troop Training
- DOD Internships
 - Medical
 - Engineering
 - JAG (Legal)
 - Nursing
 - Research and Specialty
 - Army Science Board
 - Chaplainry
 - Research Internships
 - Public Affairs
 - Forensics
 - Intelligence and Security
 - Joint Training Counter-IED
- Airborne School
- Air Assault School
- Mountain Warfare School
- Northern Warfare School

Scholarships, Stipends and Summer Programs - Air Force ROTC

Scholarships

- Type 1
 - Pays full college tuition and most fees
 - \$900 per year for books
 - 4 year scholarship
 - Monthly stipend
- Type 2
 - Pays college tuition and most fees up to \$18,000
 - \$900 per year for books
 - 3 or 4 year scholarship
 - Monthly stipend
- Type 3
 - Tuition capped at \$9,000 a year
 - 2 or 3 year scholarship
 - Monthly stipend
- Type 6
 - Tuition capped at \$3000 a year
 - 2 or 3 year scholarship
 - Monthly stipend
- Type 7
 - Pays tuition up to in-state rate
 - \$900 per year for books
 - 4 year scholarship
 - Monthly stipend
- In certain cases, the AFROTC will grant scholarships for a single year

Monthly stipend

- 1st year, \$300 per month
- 2nd year, \$350 per month
- 3rd year, \$450 per month
- 4th year, \$500 per month

Summer Programs

- Parachuting
- Space Orientation
- International Immersion
- Special Investigation
- Combative Course
- Civil Engineering
- Nurse Orientation
- Advanced Engineering
- National Reconnaissance Office

Scholarships, Stipends and Summer Programs - Naval ROTC

Scholarships

- Four year scholarship
 - Full tuition
 - All college/university educational fees
 - Stipend for text books
 - Monthly stipend
- Three year scholarship
 - Full tuition
 - All college/university educational fees
 - Stipend for text books
 - Monthly stipend
- Two year scholarship
 - Full tuition
 - All college/university educational fees
 - Stipend for text books
 - Monthly stipend

Monthly Stipend

- 1st year, \$250 per month
- 2nd year, \$300 per month
- 3rd year, \$350 per month
- 4th year, \$400 per month

Summer Programs

- Nuclear Power
- Marine Corps 6 week course
- CORTRAMID
 - Surface
 - Submarine
 - Aviation
- Afloat Aviation Option
- Ashore Aviation Option
- Foreign Exchange Training
- Professional Internships
- NROTC hosts summer cruises that provide students with hands on job orientation and training while preparing them for service in either the US Navy or US Marine Corps

Supplemental Notes on Peer Institutions

Brown University

- Does not recognize ROTC as an official organization and does not grant academic credit to students who participate in the program
- Students participate through a Rhode Island-area consortium

Cornell University

- Hosts ROTC as an official organization and grants students academic credit
- Hosts Ithaca-area consortium

Columbia University

- Does not recognize ROTC as an official organization and does not grant academic credit to students who participate in the program
- Students participate through a NYC-area consortium

Dartmouth College

- Hosts an on-campus program and grants academic credit to students who participate in the program

Harvard University

- Does not recognize ROTC as an official organization and does not grant academic credit to students who participate in the program
- Students participate through a Boston-area consortium

University of Pennsylvania

- Recognizes and supports ROTC as an official organization and grants students some academic credit
- Hosts Philadelphia-area NROTC. AFROTC and AROTC participate in Philadelphia-area consortiums hosted at other schools

Princeton University

- Recognizes and supports ROTC as an extracurricular activity, but does not grant academic credit to students who participate in the program
- Hosts New Jersey area AROTC consortium while AFROTC students participate in a consortium hosted by Rutgers

Yale University

- Recognizes and supports off-campus ROTC programs (providing funds for rental cars), but students do not receive academic credit for ROTC classes
- Students participate in a consortium at the University of Connecticut