

# ROTC

Students at MIT, Harvard, and Tufts can participate in the ROTC programs offered by the Army, Navy, and Air Force. Students at Wellesley and Salem State can participate in the Army and Air Force programs. Students at Lesley, Gordon, and Endicott can participate in the Army program. These programs, as described below, prepare students to serve as either active duty or reserve officers for periods from four to eight years. All three programs offer scholarships toward tuition, books, and cost of living. Offices in the same building facilitate the conduct of joint-service events and training, thus enhancing midshipmen's and cadets' understanding of the roles and functions of the different services as a part of the national defense framework.

## **Air Force ROTC**

The Air Force ROTC program is designed to give students the opportunity to earn a commission as an Air Force Officer while completing their academic degree requirements. Today's technology has created a continuing need in the Air Force for high-caliber men and women in a broad range of officer specialties. The Air Force gives these specialists responsible positions early in their careers as well as an opportunity to work on the most sophisticated equipment in the world.

Four-year scholarships are offered each year to high school seniors. Currently enrolled MIT students who join AFROTC may be eligible for a 2- or 3-year scholarship. Type I scholarships include full tuition, books, and most fees as well as a monthly stipend that ranges from \$300 to \$500. Type II scholarships cover \$18,000 per year in tuition, books, fees, and a monthly stipend.

You must be a U.S. citizen, at least 17 years old, commissioned before age 31, medically qualified, Air Force Officer Qualification Test qualified, and able to pass a physical fitness test and 1.5-mile run.

## **Army ROTC**

Students may enroll in Army ROTC as a four-, three-, or two-year multi-disciplinary program offering training in

leadership and management of small units and teams through hands-on leadership labs and interactive classes. Subjects cover communication skills, ethics, land navigation, first aid, and doctrinal military tactics. The entry-level courses offered to freshmen and sophomores can be taken without any service obligation and provide students with an overview of the organizational structure and role of the military as taught by active duty officers assigned to MIT. As upperclassmen, students are groomed to serve as lieutenants in the Active Army, United States Army Reserve, or Army National Guard in one of 18 disciplines of their choice. Cadets completing their junior year will attend a four-week leadership camp preparing them for future officership. Competitive students pursuing law or medical degrees may be granted a delay to complete their advanced degrees. Programs are offered to pay for advanced medical and law degrees. Each semester, the program conducts training for a weekend at a military training post in addition to other formalized events, including helicopter orientation, weapons marksmanship, rappel training, obstacle course planning, and exercises in esprit de corps and military customs and traditions. Two-, three-, and four-year scholarships that pay full tuition and fees at MIT as well as a \$300–\$500 monthly stipend and a \$1,200 annual allotment for books are available.

## **Naval ROTC**

The purpose of the Naval ROTC Program is to provide instruction in naval science subjects which, when coupled with a bachelor's degree, qualify selected students for commissions in the U.S. Navy or Marine Corps. Primary Navy officer program options available include aviation, submarines, surface warfare, SEAL, and Explosive Ordnance Disposal communities. Marine Corps options include ground and aviation.

The Naval ROTC unit at MIT offers two officer development programs. The scholarship program provides full tuition, certain fees, uniforms, a book stipend, and a monthly stipend of \$250 for freshmen, \$300 for sophomores, \$350 for juniors, and \$400 for seniors. All Navy

scholarship students incur an active duty obligation of five or more years, while Marine options incur an active duty obligation of four or more years. Students in the College Program for two, three, or four years receive Naval Science books and all uniforms in addition to a monthly stipend during the last two academic years. Students in this program must complete one summer cruise after their junior year and incur a four-year active duty obligation. Between academic years, midshipmen attend a month of summer training aboard ship and at shore bases to become familiar with Navy and Marine Corps procedures. One two-hour or three-hour Naval Science subject is required each semester.

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