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**Proponent
AHRC-OPL-C**

**Title
AY2015/2016 HQDA HARVARD STRATEGIST PROGRAM**

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1. THIS MESSAGE EXPIRES NLT 10 JANUARY 2014.

2. PROGRAM DESCRIPTION: THIS IS A ONE-YEAR, DEGREE PRODUCING PROGRAM OPEN TO REGULAR ARMY AND ARMY RESERVE (AGR, TPU, IMA, & IRR) COMMISSIONED OFFICERS (CPT/MAJ). SELECTED OFFICERS WILL PURSUE A MASTERS DEGREE IN PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION AT HARVARD UNIVERSITY AND THEN COMPLETE A MANDATORY UTILIZATION ASSIGNMENT WITHIN THE DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF, G-3/5 AND, FOR RESERVE OFFICERS ONLY, THE OFFICE OF CHIEF, ARMY RESERVE (OCAR). THIS PROGRAM AND FOLLOW ON ASSIGNMENTS WILL BE HIGHLY CHALLENGING. SELECTED OFFICERS WILL REGULARLY INTERACT AT THE GENERAL OFFICER LEVEL WITHIN THE ARMY, JOINT STAFF AND OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE. OFFICERS SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETING THIS PROGRAM WILL BE AWARDED A SKILL IDENTIFIER OF 6Z (STRATEGIC EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT) AND CAREER FIELD DESIGNATED INTO FA59.

3. ILE STATEMENT: STARTING WITH YEAR GROUP 2004 AND SUBSEQUENT YEAR GROUPS, INTERMEDIATE-LEVEL EDUCATION (ILE) ATTENDANCE IS GOVERNED BY ARMY DIRECTIVE 2012-21, OPTIMIZATION OF INTERMEDIATE LEVEL EDUCATION (OILE). OFFICERS SELECTED UNDER OILE TO ATTEND A 10-MONTH RESIDENT OR 14-WEEK SATELLITE CAMPUS MUST ATTEND IN THE ACADEMIC YEAR WHICH SELECTED. IF YOUR BROADENING PROGRAM TIMELINE CONFLICTS WITH ILE ATTENDANCE, YOU MUST SUBMIT AN ILE DEFERMENT OR CHANGE OF VENUE TO DISTANCE LEARNING REQUEST IAW THE ANNUAL ILE MILPER MESSAGE OR CONTACT YOUR CAREER MANAGER FOR ASSISTANCE.

4. SELECTION PROCESS: THE US ARMY HUMAN RESOURCES COMMAND (HRC), FORT KNOX, KY WILL FORWARD THE NAME AND APPLICATION OF RA OFFICERS APPROVED TO COMPETE TO THE OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF, G-3/5 FOR FINAL SELECTION OF RA SCHOLARS. THE NAME AND APPLICATION OF RESERVE OFFICERS APPROVED TO COMPETE WILL BE FORWARDED TO THE OFFICE OF CHIEF, ARMY RESERVE (STRATEGY & INTEGRATION DIVISION) FOR REVIEW AND FINAL SELECTION OF RESERVE SCHOLARS. ONCE SELECTED, SCHOLARS WILL BE PROVIDED A G-3/5 OR OCAR-SID MENTOR (HARVARD GRADUATE) WHO WILL ASSIST THEM IN APPLYING DIRECTLY FOR ADMISSION TO HARVARD UNIVERSITY. THE MENTOR WILL ASSIST THE CANDIDATE THRU THE ADMISSION PROCESS AND IF AVAILABLE PROVIDE SPONSORSHIP AFTER GRADUATION INTO THE NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION (NCR). CANDIDATES WILL BE NOTIFIED OF SELECTION NLT JULY 2014.

5. SCHOLARSHIP TENURE/LOCATION: SCHOLARS WILL BE ASSIGNED TO THE U.S. ARMY

STUDENT DETACHMENT, FORT JACKSON, SC WITH DUTY AT HARVARD UNIVERSITY, CAMBRIDGE, MA FOR ONE YEAR, 01 JULY 2015 THROUGH 30 JUNE 2016.

6. OBLIGATIONS INCURRED:

A. RA SCHOLARS INCUR A THREE-YEAR ACTIVE DUTY SERVICE OBLIGATION (ADSO) IAW AR 350-100 (THIS ADSO IS SERVED CONSECUTIVELY WITH OTHER CIVILIAN ADSO'S) AND MUST SERVE A TWO-YEAR UTILIZATION ASSIGNMENT DETERMINED BY THE ARMY G-3/5 IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING GRADUATION.

B. USAR OFFICERS INCUR A THREE-YEAR ACTIVE DUTY SERVICE OBLIGATION AND MUST SERVE A THREE-YEAR UTILIZATION ASSIGNMENT DETERMINED BY THE OCAR STRATEGY & INTEGRATION DIRECTORATE (OCAR-SID). USAR/AGR OFFICERS WILL SERVE WITHIN OCAR-SID DCS, G-3/5 OR COMPARABLE HQDA, COMBATANT COMMAND, OR DOD/JOINT STAFF POSITION.

C. AFTER GRADUATING FROM HARVARD, SCHOLARS WILL BE CAREER FIELD DESIGNATED INTO STRATEGIC PLANS AND POLICY (59).

7. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: (ALL ARE NON-WAIVERABLE)

A. MUST BE A REGULAR ARMY (RA) OR ARMY RESERVE (CURRENT USAR AGR OR AGR APPLICANT) OFFICER. (TPU, IMA, AND IRR RESERVE OFFICERS MAY PARTICIPATE IF THEY SUBMIT THE STATEMENT AS OUTLINED IN PARAGRAPH NINE (C) BELOW).

B. RA OFFICERS MUST HOLD THE RANK OF CAPTAIN AND HAVE A YEAR GROUP BETWEEN 2003 AND 2007. USAR OFFICERS MUST BE IN THE RANK OF CAPTAIN WITH A DATE OF RANK OF 01 JANUARY 2009 THROUGH 31 DECEMBER 2012. (JUNIOR USAR MAJORS MAY APPLY BUT MUST NOT HAVE MORE THAN EIGHTEEN MONTHS TIME IN GRADE, AS OF 01 JULY 2015).

C. RA OFFICERS MUST HAVE COMPLETED COMPANY COMMAND OR EQUIVALENT KEY DEVELOPMENTAL BILLET.

D. USAR OFFICERS MUST HAVE A MANDATORY REMOVAL DATE (MRD) OF 01 SEPTEMBER 2024 OR LATER.

E. MUST HAVE DEMONSTRATED POTENTIAL FOR FUTURE MILITARY SERVICE.

F. MUST HAVE AN UNDERGRADUATE GRADE POINT AVERAGE OF 3.0 OR BETTER, EVEN IF YOU ALREADY HAVE A GRADUATE DEGREE.

G. MUST HAVE A MINIMUM GRADUATE RECORD EXAM (GRE) TEST SCORES OF AT LEAST 550 (EQUALS TO 156 UNDER NEW SCORING) (VERBAL), 650 (EQUALS TO 151 UNDER NEW SCORING) (QUANTITATIVE), AND 4 (WRITING). (TEST DATE MUST BE WITHIN FIVE YEARS AS OF JUNE 2015).

H. MUST NOT HAVE ANY ADVERSE ACTIONS PENDING.

I. MUST BE ABLE TO COMPLETE FULL SCHOLARSHIP AND UTILIZATION ASSIGNMENT WITHOUT INTERRUPTION.

J. MUST MEET ARMY HEIGHT AND WEIGHT REQUIREMENTS.

K. MUST HAVE A DESIRE TO SERVE IN THE OFFICE OF THE DCS, G-3/5, AND/OR OCAR STRATEGY & INTEGRATION DIRECTORATE.

L. MUST HAVE RECENT COMBAT DEPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE. COMBAT DEPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE PREFERRED BUT NOT REQUIRED FOR USAR OFFICERS.

M. CURRENT USAR/AGR OFFICERS MUST HAVE ENTERED INITIAL USAR/AGR TOUR PRIOR TO 01 DECEMBER 2011 OR BE OTHERWISE ELIGIBLE FOR CONTINUATION IN THE USAR/AGR PROGRAM. (ANY TPU, IMA, OR IRR SELECTEE MUST START INITIAL AGR TOUR NLT THE START OF HARVARD SUMMER PROGRAM JULY 2015.)

N. NOT HAVE A GRADUATE DEGREE PAID FOR BY THE U.S. ARMY. (THIS MEANS THE TUITION AND FEES WERE SOLELY FUNDED BY THE U.S. GOVERNMENT. TUITION ASSISTANCE DOES NOT APPLY.)

8. HOW TO APPLY:

A. NOT LATER THAN 10 JANUARY 2014, EMAIL YOUR DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY (DA) FORM 4187 (PERSONNEL ACTION) TO JOEL.D.STROUT.CIV@MAIL.MIL WITH THE INFORMATION BELOW. SUBJECT TITLE OF EMAIL "REQUEST TO COMPETE FOR B.O.P.":

(1) BLOCK ONE: TYPE THE ADDRESS OF THE COLONEL/O6 OR CIVILIAN EQUIVALENT THAT WILL SIGN/ENDORSE YOUR DA FORM 4187 REQUESTING TO COMPETE.

(2) BLOCK TWO: IN THIS BLOCK TYPE IN AHRC, ATTN: MR. STROUT, 1600 SPEARHEAD DIVISION AVE, FORT KNOX, KY 40122.

(3) BLOCK THREE: TYPE IN YOUR MILITARY ADDRESS.

(4) BLOCK FOUR: TYPE YOUR LAST NAME, FIRST NAME, MIDDLE INITIAL.

(5) BLOCK FIVE: TYPE YOUR CURRENT GRADE/RANK AND CAREER FIELD/MILITARY OCCUPATIONAL SERIES.

(6) BLOCK SIX: TYPE YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER.

(7) BLOCK SEVEN: SKIP.

(8) BLOCK EIGHT: CHECK LINE TITLED "OTHER" AND TYPE IN B.O.P.

(9) BLOCK NINE: HAND SIGN OR ELECTRONICALLY SIGN THIS BLOCK WITH YOUR SIGNATURE.

(10) BLOCK 10: TYPE IN THE DATE YOU ARE SIGNING YOUR DA FORM 4187 REQUESTING TO COMPETE.

(11) SECTION IV REMARKS SECTION:

(A) TYPE IN THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT: I REQUEST PERMISSION TO COMPETE FOR THE FOLLOWING PROGRAM(S) IN ORDER OF MY PREFERENCE: (LIST THE BROADENING OPPORTUNITY PROGRAMS (B.O.P.) YOU WISH TO COMPETE FOR IN ORDER OF YOUR PREFERENCE. SEE PARAGRAPH TWELVE FOR A LIST OF PROGRAMS AVAILABLE).

(B) MY DEFENSE LANGUAGE APTITUDE BATTERY (DLAB) SCORE IS _____. I TOOK THIS TEST ON YYYYMMDD. (IF YOU HAVE NOT TAKEN THE DLAB TEST OR IF NONE OF THE PROGRAM(S) YOU ARE REQUESTING TO COMPETE FOR REQUIRES THE DLAB SCORE, TYPE IN NONE. IF ANY OF THE PROGRAM(S) YOU ARE REQUESTING TO COMPETE FOR REQUIRES A DLAB SCORE INDICATE WHEN YOU WILL TAKE THE DLAB TEST.)

(C) MY GRADUATE RECORD EXAM (GRE) SCORES ARE VERBAL REASONING_____; QUANTITATIVE REASONING_____; ANALYTICAL WRITING_____. I TOOK THIS TEST ON YYYYMMDD. (IF YOU HAVE NOT TAKEN THE GRE TEST OR IF NONE OF THE PROGRAM(S) YOU ARE REQUESTING TO COMPETE FOR REQUIRES GRE SCORES, TYPE IN NONE. IF ANY OF THE PROGRAM(S) YOU ARE REQUESTING TO COMPETE FOR REQUIRES GRE SCORES INDICATE WHEN YOU WILL TAKE THE GRE TEST.)

(D) MY UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE GPA IS_____.

(E) MY GRADUATE DEGREE GPA IS_____. (IF YOU DON'T HAVE A GRADUATE DEGREE TYPE IN NONE. DO NOT TYPE IN YOUR GPA IF YOU ARE STILL PURSUING YOUR GRADUATE DEGREE)

(F) I UNDERSTAND I WILL INCUR OBLIGATIONS AS OUTLINED IN THE MILPER MESSAGE(S) ANNOUNCING THE PROGRAM(S) I AM APPLYING FOR. I AUTHORIZE AHRC TO RELEASE ALL DOCUMENTS TO ANYONE WHO MAY REQUIRE THEM IN CONNECTION WITH MY NOMINATION TO A BROADENING OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM.

(G) I UNDERSTAND IF I AM APPLYING FOR MORE THAN ONE PROGRAM I MAY NOT RECEIVE MY FIRST PREFERENCE AND I FURTHER UNDERSTAND MY SELECTION OR NON-SELECTION IS DETERMINED BY THE SELECTION PANEL'S ORDER OF MERIT LIST (OML) OF THE PROGRAMS I AM REQUESTING TO COMPETE FOR. I UNDERSTAND IF I AM SELECTED TO ATTEND ONE OF THE PROGRAMS I AM COMPETING FOR, I WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED FOR ANY OTHER PROGRAM AND I WILL ACCEPT THE PROGRAM I WAS SELECTED FOR.

(H) MY EMAIL ADDRESS IS:_____.

(12) BLOCK11: YOUR COLONEL/O6 OR CIVILIAN EQUIVALENT MUST RECOMMEND APPROVAL FOR YOU TO SUBMIT YOUR REQUEST TO COMPETE.

(13) BLOCK12: TYPE YOUR COLONEL/O6 OR CIVILIAN EQUIVALENT'S SIGNATURE BLOCK.

(14) BLOCK13: YOUR COLONEL/O6 OR CIVILIAN EQUIVALENT MUST HAND SIGN OR ELECTRONICALLY SIGN THIS BLOCK.

(15) BLOCK14: TYPE IN THE DATE YOUR COLONEL/O6 OR CIVILIAN EQUIVALENT SIGNS THIS FORM.

(NOTE: YOU MAY ALSO SUBMIT THE DA FORM 4187-1-R (PERSONNEL ACTION FORM ADDENDUM) WITH YOUR DA FORM 4187-1 IF YOUR COMMAND REQUIRES YOUR REQUEST TO GO THROUGH ADDITIONAL APPROVAL AUTHORITY).

B. CANDIDATES MUST ALSO SUBMIT THEIR MOST CURRENT DA FORM 705 (ARMY PHYSICAL FITNESS TEST SCORE CARD) AND DA FORM 5500 (BODY FAT CONTENT), IF APPLICABLE.

C. YOUR NOMINATION WILL BE REVIEWED BY YOUR CAREER BRANCH AND LEADER DEVELOPMENT DIVISION. IF YOU ARE APPROVED TO COMPETE, YOU WILL RECEIVE AN EMAIL FROM MR. JOEL STROUT INSTRUCTING YOU TO EMAIL HIM THE DOCUMENTS LISTED AT PARAGRAPH NINE. THE DOCUMENTS LISTED IN PARAGRAPH NINE MUST REACH MR. STROUT NOT LATER THAN 31 JANUARY 2014. DOCUMENTS RECEIVED AFTER THAT DATE WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED OR INCLUDED INTO YOUR APPLICATION PACKET. EMAILED DOCUMENTS AND ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS NOT LISTED BELOW WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

D. IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO INQUIRE ABOUT THE STATUS OF YOUR REQUEST. PLEASE WAIT AT LEAST TEN WORKING DAYS, AFTER SUBMITTING YOUR REQUEST, BEFORE INQUIRING.

9. APPLICATION: (MUST REACH MR. STROUT NLT 31 JANUARY 2014) (MUST BE IN *.PDF FORMAT)

A. ALL CANDIDATES MUST SUBMIT: OFFICIAL GRE TEST SCORES. (TEST DATE MUST BE WITHIN FIVE YEARS AS OF JUNE 2015.) THE CODE FOR HRC IS 5852.

B. ONE "READABLE" COPY OF ALL OFFICIAL UNDERGRADUATE AND GRADUATE COLLEGE TRANSCRIPTS. (IF YOUR TRANSCRIPTS ARE IN IPERMS AND ARE READABLE YOU DO NOT NEED TO SUBMIT THEM.)

C. ONLY TPU, IMA AND IRR OFFICERS MUST SUBMIT: SIGNED AND DATED STATEMENT STATING "IF SELECTED FOR ANY BROADENING OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM I AM APPLYING FOR, I AGREE TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT AN APPOINTMENT INTO THE ACTIVE GUARD RESERVE (AGR) PROGRAM FOR THE LENGTH OF THE PROGRAM (INCLUDES UTILIZATION ASSIGNMENT) I HAVE BEEN SELECTED FOR. I UNDERSTAND I WILL REVERT BACK TO MY RESERVE STATUS (IRR, TPA, OR IMA) AFTER COMPLETING THIS PROGRAM OR AT THE CONVEINENCE OF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT. I ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT I WILL BE REMOVED FROM THIS PROGRAM IF I AM NOT ACCESSED INTO THE AGR PROGRAM." (TYPED, TIMES NEW ROMAN FONT, FONT SIZE IS 12. TYPE GRADE AND NAME UNDER TITLE OF STATEMENT. TITLE STATEMENT "ACTIVE GUARD RESERVE (AGR) STATEMENT".) IF SELECTED YOU WILL BE NOTIFIED ON THE PROCESS OF APPLYING FOR AN AGR APPOINTMENT.

D. SIGNED AND DATED STATEMENT: "I UNDERSTAND AND AGREE IF SELECTED AS AN ACADEMIC YEAR 2015 STRATEGIC EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM SCHOLAR I WILL APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT CAREER FIELD DESIGNATION INTO FUNCTIONAL AREA 59 (STRATEGIST.*)" (TYPED, TIMES NEW ROMAN FONT, FONT SIZE IS 12. TYPE GRADE AND NAME UNDER TITLE OF STATEMENT. TITLE STATEMENT "REQUEST DESIGNATION AS A STRATEGIC PLANS & POLICY OFFICER".)

10. CANDIDATES ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR ENSURING THEIR OFFICIAL MILITARY PHOTO AND OFFICER RECORD BRIEF (ORB) IS UP-TO-DATE. CANDIDATES ARE ALSO RESPONSIBLE FOR ENSURING THEIR EVALUATIONS ARE UP-TO-DATE IN IPERMS. UPDATES MUST BE MADE PRIOR TO 31 JANUARY 2013.

11. ANY APPLICATION PACKET THAT IS NOT COMPLETE, AS DIRECTED IN PARAGRAPHS EIGHT, NINE AND TEN ABOVE, WILL BE RETURNED TO CANDIDATE AND MAY RESULT IN MISSING THE SUBMISSION SUSPENSE DATE AND NOT BEING CONSIDERED FOR THIS PROGRAM.

12. FOR THE MILPER MESSAGE FOR EACH OF THE PROGRAMS LISTED BELOW, PLEASE GO TO [HTTPS://WWW.HRC.ARMY.MIL/OFFICER/BROADENING%20OPPORTUNITY%20PROGRAMS](https://www.hrc.army.mil/officer/broadening%20opportunity%20programs) OR [HTTPS://WWW.HRC.ARMY.MIL/MILPER](https://www.hrc.army.mil/milper).

A. AVAILABLE BROADENING OPPORTUNITY PROGRAMS:

(1) U.S. ARMY CYBER COMMAND SCHOLARSHIP.

(2) ARROYO CENTER FELLOWSHIP.

(3) U.S. ARMY CONGRESSIONAL FELLOWSHIP.

(4) GENERAL WAYNE A. DOWNING SCHOLARSHIP.

(5) U.S. ARMY G-6, INFORMATION ASSURANCE SCHOLARSHIP (IASP).

(6) JCS/OSD/ARSTAF INTERNSHIP.

(7) GEORGE AND CAROL OLMSTED SCHOLARSHIP.

(8) ARMY G-3/5/7 REGIONAL FELLOWSHIP (LTC LEVEL):

(A) ASIA-PACIFIC CENTER FOR SECURITY STUDIES FELLOWSHIP.

(B) GEORGE C. MARSHALL EUROPEAN CENTER FOR SECURITY STUDIES FELLOWSHIP.

(C) DOS STRATEGIC POLICY PLANNING FELLOWSHIP.

(9) HQDA, HARVARD STRATEGIST SCHOLARSHIP.

B. ANY PROGRAM ADDED TO YOUR PREFERENCE LIST THAT IS NOT FROM THE LIST ABOVE WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.

13. DIRECT ALL QUESTIONS CONCERNING THIS PROGRAM TO JOEL.D.STROUT.CIV@MAIL.MIL
