

# Naval Science

► The Naval ROTC program was established to educate and train young men and women for service as commissioned officers in the United States Navy or Marine Corps. As the largest, single source of Navy and Marine Corps officers, the NROTC Scholarship Program plays an important role in preparing students for leadership positions in an increasingly technical naval service.

Selected applicants are awarded scholarships through a highly competitive, national selection process. The scholarships include full tuition, a stipend for books, educational fees, and other financial benefits. Additionally, the University of Rochester provides a room-and-board grant for its NROTC scholarship students. A majority are four-year scholarships, while some are two- or three-year scholarships. After graduating, midshipmen are commissioned as officers in the Navy or Marine Corps.

Midshipmen work side by side toward common goals: academic and professional excellence and,

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The NROTC Rochester unit was founded in 1946 and was originally located in Harkness Hall. Named after Rear Admiral William Harkness, an 1858 graduate of the University, it was the first building outside of the Naval Academy to be entirely dedicated to military science.

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ultimately, a commission as an ensign in the United States Navy or second lieutenant in the United States Marine Corps. Being a midshipman provides immediate opportunities for close camaraderie with others who value professionalism and excellence and seek the opportunity to serve community and country.

NROTC students pursue a variety of majors, with those planning on entering the Navy focusing on engineering, math, and the sciences. Midshipmen are actively involved in all the University has to offer, including intercollegiate athletics, student ambassadorships, study abroad, and numerous clubs and organizations.

The University of Rochester is the host school for the area's

NROTC program. Typically, about 75 students are enrolled each year with about half enrolled at the University of Rochester. The rest attend the Rochester Institute of Technology, SUNY College at Brockport, or St. John Fisher College and travel to the University for their training and naval courses.

## Points of Pride

### Recognized Excellence

NROTC Rochester is a perennial winner of regional ROTC competitions that take place each semester. These competitions showcase the motivation and expertise of the unit in military drill and athletic events.

### Distinguished Legacy

The unit is one of the older NROTC units in the nation with a proud



*“The program at Rochester molds us into leaders and teaches us about teamwork, discipline, accountability, and time management. Every step of the way—from academic classes, to professional development and naval science classes, to physical training—gets me closer to becoming a naval officer, which is what I aspire to be.”*

**Anthony Paschke '14**  
chemistry major, NROTC midshipman



history of those who have served their nation in times of war and peace. NROTC alumni include the Board Chairman Edmund A. Hajim '58, the Commander of Naval Special Warfare Command Rear Admiral Sean A. Pybus '79, and many others currently serving overseas and in combat operations.

#### **Accomplished Faculty**

The unit staff is composed of Navy and Marine Corps officers and senior noncommissioned officers, as well as government civilian and University civilian personnel. The military officers complement the academic training students receive with the years of military

experience they bring to the naval science curriculum. Military staff members also serve as mentors to the midshipmen and assist them in the successful completion of all aspects of their NROTC and college experience.

#### **Outstanding Preparation**

The high-quality education at the University is recognized by the Navy and Marine Corps in the placement of graduates into the most selective military programs, such as the Navy's nuclear power community and its aviation community.

## **How You Can Help**

Gifts to the Department of Naval Science will benefit students who are motivated toward a career in the Navy or Marine Corps. With limited and restricted naval funding, private resources are needed to enhance the learning and training experience of NROTC students.

#### **Support Students**

You can endow programs to fund activities such as training and seminar opportunities and competitions with other NROTC units, all of which enrich the experience of the University's midshipmen. Award scholarships to those midshipmen who are not receiving naval scholarships. This committed group of students and future leaders would be well served by such gifts. Another opportunity is to fund named room-and-board awards. These would provide budget relief and help the University enhance its NROTC programs.

#### **Improve Facilities**

The recently constructed Midshipmen Training Room needs to be fully equipped and maintained to provide a best-in-class experience for our NROTC students. Similar to a chapter room in a fraternity house, this is the hub of NROTC activity. The room needs furnishings, projectors, computers, printers, and other training resources. This is a great example of a potential naming opportunity for a donor.

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