OVERVIEW:

The USNTPS SCFS offers two-week courses designed to be a high-level exposure to the discipline of flight test. The courses are a mixture of academic classroom periods and applied exercises, conducted at Naval Air Station Patuxent River or Naval Air Station China Lake. USNTPS funds course tuition for a limited number of seats per year.

COURSE OFFERINGS:

SCFS offerings include “Introduction to Unmanned Aerial Systems Flight Test” and “Introduction to Aircraft and Systems Test & Evaluation”. Generally, the UAS course is offered in Jan/Jun and the Systems course is offered in Feb/Mar/Aug. Course offerings and schedule are subject to change. Current schedule and detailed descriptions are found at http://www.navair.navy.mil/nawcad/usntps.

USNTPS is accepting nominations for primary and alternate candidates from:

- STRKFIGHTWINGLANT
- STRKFIGHTWINGPAC
- JSFWING
- VAQWINGPAC
- ACLOGWING
- HELSEACOMBATWINGLANT
- HELSEACOMBATWINGPAC
- HELMARSTRIKEWINGLANT
- HELMARSTRIKEWINGPAC
- STRATCOMWING ONE
- PATRECONWING TEN
- PATRECONWING ELEVEN
- 1ST MARINE AIRCRAFT WING
- 2ND MARINE AIRCRAFT WING
- 3RD MARINE AIRCRAFT WING

UNITED STATES NAVAL TEST PILOT SCHOOL

Short Course Fleet Seat (SCFS) Offerings and Organization
ELIGIBILITY:
To be considered eligible to participate, candidates must be USN/USMC military aviators physically qualified to fly.

FUNDING:
Commands (or administrative chain of command activities) are responsible for funding and scheduling travel for SCFS attendees. USNTPS will fund the course tuition but is not responsible for any travel costs incurred.

PURPOSE:
The USNTPS SCFS program allows fleet aviators to participate in two-week long courses focused on key elements of specific developmental test topics within the NAVAIR enterprise. Course attendees consist of a diverse community of fleet aviators, NAVAIR engineers, contractors, and international partners. Fleet aviators gain insight into the critical role of developmental test in delivering warfighting capabilities heading to the fleet, while NAVAIR engineers gain insight into fleet operations and aircrew considerations, ultimately enriching the learning environment and positively affecting future developmental test programs and projects. Fleet aviators are able to assess their own potential interest in developmental test career opportunities, and return to their commands with information and insight of developmental test to share with others.

APPLICATION & SELECTION:
The SCFS program is announced each summer via NAVADMIN and MARADMIN messages, as well as publishing on the USNTPS website. USNTPS offers consideration for one primary candidate and one alternate candidate from each of the organizations listed in this document. The only information required to be transmitted to USNTPS for slating consideration is the candidate’s rank, name, and contact information, as well as their first, second, and third choice of course offering. Early in each fiscal year, a slating panel will convene and finalize offerings to candidate organizations. The panel will make every attempt to allow for one candidate from each organization to be slated as primary. Upon finalization of the slate, and in the case of subsequent non-availability of primary candidates, alternate candidates will be offered an opportunity to attend.