APPLICATION PROCESS

Expectations
The educational program requires initiative, adaptability, and the ability to work as part of a team. Courses involve considerable depth in engineering and mathematics, as well as effective written and oral communication. Each day students are exposed to classroom instruction, flight and simulator activities, laboratory exercises, data analysis, report preparation, and study.

Schedule
Two 48-week classes convene each year. Prior to arrival, all students must complete 20 hours of a self-study mathematics review. Pilots should expect an additional two months of pre-arrival aircraft training.

Class Demographics
Each class is a distribution of up to 36 pilots, flight officers, and engineers from U.S. military services, international aviators/engineers, and civil service engineers.

Pilot and Flight Officer Applicants
are board-selected based upon their aviation skills and experience, professional qualities, academic background, and the needs of the service. Desired prerequisites include 1,000 hours of flight time and a Bachelor of Science degree in engineering, physical science, or mathematics.

Engineer Applicants
are evaluated based on their professional experience and performance, academic background, and must be physically suitable for flight. Interested engineers should discuss the process with their branch heads.

International Applicants
should contact the International Military Student Officer for additional information.

FACTS
• 4,500+ students have graduated from USNTPS since 1945
• Nearly 100 alumni have been selected for the NASA astronaut program
• USNTPS operates 45 aircraft representing 14 types, models, and series – more than any other squadron in the Navy
• Every year, USNTPS students rack up around 6,700 flight hours over the course of nearly 4,500 sorties

Naval Test Wing Atlantic provides developmental flight and ground testing for the Naval Air Warfare Center Aircraft Division, the Navy’s largest warfare center.