What is the Defense Ventures 12-month tour?

This experiential learning program develops emerging innovators within the Department of Defense by providing them with the skills, professional network, and experience of how venture capital and private equity invest in and develop the next generation of technologies and entrepreneurs.

These immersive experiences are uniquely designed to foster greater trust, understanding and cooperation between the Department of Defense and the private investment ecosystem fostering dual-use technology development in the United States.

How does the program work?

Candidates are selected based on the strength of their application, their career experience, and achievements of creating change and impact in the environments around them. Participants will join a cohort who will spend 12 months participating in industry events, summits, and training while immersed with a leading venture capital or private equity firm.

Who can apply?

Applications are currently being considered for all Active Duty enlisted and officer personnel from ALL branches of service!

All selected participants will incur an additional service obligation upon completion of the tour. The program will be conducted in accordance with applicable regulations to include DODI 1322.06.

Potential Investment Focus Areas

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You will:

 ✷ Learn to thrive in next-gen business environments
 ✷ Understand how private investment & entrepreneurship develops technical innovation and adoption
 ✷ Be exposed to frontier technologies and emerging platforms
 ✷ Develop a professional network that will last your entire career

Learn with the most prominent venture capital and private equity firms in the country from Shift's 100+ partner network

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