

*Applications open through April 2, 2017*



# Focus *Forward* Fellowship

*Engaging military-connected women beyond the classroom*



**What is the Focus Forward Fellowship?** Created by the Military Family Research Institute (MFRI) at Purdue University, the Fellowship is designed to help you, a woman student veteran, achieve your full potential as you pursue academic and career success! While you may experience challenges with transition from service to school, this exciting opportunity will connect you with other women student veterans in an environment designed especially for you. Together, you will develop relationships with peers, mentors and faculty from across the country who will help identify strategies and resources that increase your connections and success on campus. We want you to gain confidence in your problem solving abilities, develop skills to reach your goals, and connect with other women student veterans to build a strong community of support. MFRI is committed to helping leaders like you transition to the next phase of their lives. We are confident the Focus Forward Fellowship program can do just that!

**How is it structured?** The Fellowship begins with a weekend-long, intensive residency experience, followed by engagement online throughout the 2017–2018 academic year. Together, Fellows will:

- strengthen personal effectiveness and build confidence;
- increase connections to resources on their home campuses;
- develop skills to support academic and professional success; and
- create sustainable, supportive relationships with successful students, faculty and advocates.



**How much will it cost?** Costs — including cost of the program, lodging, most meals and transportation — are covered for all competitively-selected Fellows.

**Who can apply?** If you are a rising woman veteran or a military-connected woman entering your sophomore or junior year at a four-year institution, you can!

**Apply today!** Visit [www.mfri.purdue.edu](http://www.mfri.purdue.edu) to learn more about the 2017 programs that begin this summer. Colorado State University, located in Fort Collins, Colo., is sponsoring a June 7 cohort open to military-connected women at Colorado schools. Got Your 6 is a sponsor of a national cohort beginning July 26 in Indianapolis, Ind. Don't miss the opportunity to take part in this life-changing experience.

### *What fellows are saying*

**“When this opportunity was presented, I felt like it was fate. Who better to progress women veterans than fellow women veterans?”**

**“The mentors I have gained in just three days have already changed my life. I’m thrilled to work with them and continue learning from truly incredible women.”**

**About MFRI** *The Military Family Research Institute (MFRI) at Purdue University conducts research on issues that affect military and veteran families while working to shape policies, programs and practices that improve their well-being. Founded in 2000, this nationally-recognized organization collaborates to advance research with impact. MFRI is located at Purdue's College of Health and Human Sciences, in the Department of Human Development and Family Studies.*

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