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Call for Applications: '24 CIPI Summer Workshop on Military Tech Cooperation

The U.S. Naval War College's Cyber & Innovation Policy Institute (CIPI) is pleased to invite applications for its annual Summer Workshop, taking place 29-31 May 2024. This unique event brings together a select group of academics, practitioners, and government officials in Newport, RI. We workshop high impact writing, as well as wargame information environments and military innovation.

The workshop theme for 2024 is **Military Tech Cooperation: Sharing Defense Research and Development**. Cutting-edge research and development are now available worldwide; as a result, the U.S. military cannot safely assume to enjoy technological superiority. Given the growing need to cooperate with private and foreign partners on scientific and technological innovation, it is important to examine the military's history of collaborative research and development through the lens of deterrence and warfighting, as well as barriers and opportunities for the future.

Relevant questions include but are not limited to: How do different militaries conduct basic research with foreign partners, and to what effect on warfighting advantage? Why do some attempts to share scientific and technological innovation succeed while others fail? Are new mechanisms for funding and governance required for initiatives such as AUKUS and DIANA to create new capabilities and transition them from the lab to the field? What are acceptable risks—for instance, to international stability or technology protection—worth taking to increase cooperation on military research and development? And how can the Navy and other armed services leverage this kind of cooperation to advance capacity building with partners and allies on cyber and other fields of emerging technology?

Workshop participants must arrive in Newport with a draft article (~2000 words). One day will be devoted to presenting and improving these drafts with other participants, guest speakers, students, and faculty. Another day will be dedicated to a wargame, during which participants will engage in decision making about the “valleys of death” that face defense innovation. The workshop will conclude with a group discussion on lessons learned and concrete plans of action for publication.

CIPI will book and cover the costs of economy flights, meals, and lodging in Newport. Participants will also receive a small honorarium for presenting and publishing their work. Participants must commit to attending all workshop activities in person.

To apply, please submit: 1) a short—200 words max—pitch for a policy article about sharing defense research and development, and 2) your CV or resume.

Applications are due no later than **1 March 2024**.

Apply at **cipi.summer@usnwc.edu**