



Sloan Career Cornerstone Center

Profiles of Physicists



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Education:

B.S. -- Physics; San Francisco State University

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Job Description:

Research Physicist

Advice to Students:

"Advancement opportunities from entry to mid-level positions are excellent in the military."

Comments:

"As a military member of the Starfire Optical Range team, my responsibilities cover the spectrum from hands-on research to administrative duties."

Interview:

"Advancement opportunities ranging from entry to mid-level positions are excellent in the military. Promotion and increased responsibility are expected (in fact, scheduled) in a military career. However, since the military moves people every two to four years, it is hard to stay involved in a very specific technological area. Most officers will have the opportunity to advance to Lieutenant Colonel or Commander and become eligible for retirement."

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