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University of Guam retains Military Friendly® School title for 2021

The University of Guam has, for the second year in a row, earned a place on the Military Friendly® Schools list, which will be published in the May issue of [G.I.Jobs magazine](#). A total of 747 schools nationwide made the 2021–2022 list out of 1,200 schools that completed the required survey.

The University of Guam additionally earned the bronze distinction on the list, meaning its score ranked within 30% of the top 10 schools in its category of small public schools.

The Military Friendly® Schools list is a guide of institutions that have favorable rates among veteran students and their families as far as retention and persistence toward their degree, graduation, job placement, and loan repayment and default rates.

“Every year that we earn this designation is a sign of our dedication to our region’s veterans and their families,” said Lawrence F. Camacho, dean of Enrollment Management and Student Success at the university. “We’re continually working to add programs and services specifically to serve their needs in obtaining their degrees.”

The University of Guam has 161 veteran and military dependent students enrolled. The university offers in-state tuition to all military students and specific scholarship opportunities as well as several military-specific student services, including tutoring and study skills workshops, counseling services specializing in anxiety and PTSD, career



guidance, accommodations for students with disabilities, networking events, and a Veteran Resource Center.

“Schools who achieve designation show true commitment and dedication in their efforts,” said Kayla Lopez, national director of military partnerships for Military Friendly®. “Our standards assist schools by providing a benchmark that promotes positive educational outcomes, resources, and support services that better the educational landscape and provide opportunity for the military community.”

The schools are scored based on public data from federal agencies and survey information from the participating organizations. The criteria and scoring methodology were determined by Viqtory, a veteran-owned small business that connects the military community to employment, educational, and entrepreneurial opportunities, with input from a council of independent leaders in higher education and military recruitment.

“Military Friendly® is committed to transparency and providing consistent data-driven standards in our designation process,” Lopez said. “This creates a competitive atmosphere that encourages colleges to consistently evolve and invest in their programs.”

In addition to the May issue of G.I.Jobs magazine, the list is also published at www.militaryfriendly.com.

Veterans, active-duty service members, and dependents interested in attending the University of Guam can visit <https://url.uog.edu/military> for more information.

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2020-uog-veterans

Veteran students at the University of Guam in February 2020 stand in the UOG Student Center by a board of yellow ribbons that each commemorate a UOG veteran. (From left) Lawrence Camacho, dean of Enrollment Management and Student Success; Dan Camacho; Jan Fontbuena; Amy Jackson; Mark Mantanona; Anthony Mamaligsa; and Arline Leon Guerrero, Veterans Resource Center academic advisor.



2019-veterans-day

ROTC cadets present the colors during the national anthem of the University of Guam's Veterans Day Tribute Ceremony on Nov. 12, 2019, in the Calvo Field House.

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