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University of Guam earns silver Military Friendly® School status for 2022-2023

The University of Guam has earned a place on the Military Friendly® Schools list for the third year in a row, this year increasing its ranking from bronze to silver. The 2022–2023 list of schools will be published in the May and October issues of G.I.Jobs magazine and can also be found at www.militaryfriendly.com.

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.



The schools are scored based on public data from federal agencies and survey information from the participating organizations.

Among 1,800 schools nationwide that participated in the Military Friendly® survey, a total of 665 schools received special designations. The University of Guam's silver status means it scored within 30% of the top 10 in its category of small public schools.

"We're working every year to advance and customize our academic, financial, and career services for servicemembers and their families, including the recent addition of a one-stop veteran student office," said Lawrence F. Camacho, dean of Enrollment Management and Student Success at the university. "The Military Friendly designation will continue to drive that momentum."

The University of Guam has 300 veteran and military dependent students enrolled.

The university offers in-state tuition to all military students and flexible learning opportunities as well as several military-specific student services, including tutoring and study skills workshops, counseling services specializing in anxiety and PTSD, academic and career guidance, accommodations for students with disabilities, networking events, and a Veteran Resource Center.

Kayla Lopez, national director of military partnerships for Military Friendly, said the program "creates a competitive atmosphere that encourages colleges to evolve and invest in their programs consistently."

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

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Michael Schommer, a now-graduated cadet of the University of Guam's ROTC program, shakes hands with Maj. Gen. Esther J.C. Aguigui, adjutant general of the Guam National Guard, at a UOG Veterans Day ceremony in November 2019.

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