consideration the admission of enlisted members on a space-available basis).

(d) ACCEPTANCE OF RESEARCH GRANTS.—(1) The Secretary of the Air Force may authorize the Commandant of the United States Air Force Institute of Technology to accept qualifying research grants. Any such grant may only be accepted if the work under the grant is to be carried out by a professor or instructor of the Institute for a scientific, literary, or educational purpose.

(2) A qualifying research grant under this subsection is a grant that is awarded on a competitive basis by an entity referred to in paragraph (3) for a research project with a scientific, literary, or educational purpose.

(3) A grant may be accepted under this subsection only from a corporation, fund, foundation, educational institution, or similar entity that is organized and operated primarily for scientific, literary, or educational purposes.

(4) The Secretary shall establish an account for administering funds received as research grants under this section. The Commandant of the Institute shall use the funds in the account in accordance with applicable provisions of the regulations and the terms and condition of the grants received.

(5) Subject to such limitations as may be provided in appropriations Acts, appropriations available for the Institute may be used to pay expenses incurred by the Institute in applying for, and otherwise pursuing, the award of qualifying research grants.

(6) The Secretary shall prescribe regulations for the administration of this subsection.

(a) Establishment and Mission.—There is in the Air Force a Community College of the Air Force. Such college, in cooperation with civilian colleges and universities, shall—

(1) prescribe programs of higher education for enlisted members described in subsection (b) designed to improve the technical, managerial, and related skills of such members and to prepare such members for military jobs which require the utilization of such skills; and

(2) monitor on a continuing basis the progress of members pursuing such programs.

(b) Members Eligible for Programs.—Subject to such other eligibility requirements as the Secretary concerned may prescribe, the following members of the armed forces other than the Air Force who are serving as instructors at Air Force training schools.

(c) Associate Degrees.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2), an academic degree at the level of associate may be conferred under section 9317 of this title upon any enlisted member who has completed a program prescribed by the Community College of the Air Force.

(2) No degree may be conferred upon any enlisted member under this section unless the Secretary of Education determines that the standards for the award of academic degrees in agencies of the United States have been met.
“(1) Subject to paragraph (2), the commander of the Air Education and Training Command of the Air Force may confer an academic degree at the level of associate upon any enlisted member who has completed the program prescribed by the Community College of the Air Force.

“(2) No degree may be conferred upon any enlisted member under this section unless (A) the Community College of the Air Force certifies to the commander of the Air Education and Training Command of the Air Force that such member has satisfied all the requirements prescribed for such degree, and (B) the Secretary of Education determines that the standards for the award of academic degrees in agencies of the United States have been met.”


Subsec. (a)(1). Pub. L. 105–85, § 552(a)(1), substituted “enlisted members described in subsection (b)” for “enlisted members of the Air Force”.


Former subsec. (b) redesignated subsec. (c)(1).

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 105–85, § 552(a)(2), (3), (b)(2), redesignated subsec. (b) as subsec. (c)(1), inserted subsec. heading, substituted “Subject to paragraph (2),” for “Subject to subsection (c),”, and redesignated former subsec. (c) as subsec. (c)(2) and pars. (1) and (2) of former subsec. (c) as subpars. (A) and (B), respectively, of subsec. (c)(2).


Effective Date of 1997 Amendment
Section 552(c) of Pub. L. 105–85 provided that: “Subsection (b) of section 9313 of this title, as added by subsection (a)(4), applies with respect to enrollments in the Community College of the Air Force after March 31, 1996.”

Effective Date of 1996 Amendment
Section 107(b) of Pub. L. 104–106 provided that: “The amendment made by subsection (a) [amending this section] shall apply with respect to enrollments in the Community College of the Air Force after March 31, 1996.”

Effective Date of 1980 Amendment

$9316. Training and support for A–10 aircraft

The Secretary of the Air Force shall provide each military department with flight training, flight support, and depot maintenance with respect to all A–10 aircraft assigned to each such department.


AMENDMENTS
2004—Pub. L. 108–375, § 556(c)(1), substituted “confer—“ in introductory provisions, “The” for “the” in pars. (1) to (3), period for semicolon in par. (1), and period for “;” and “;” in par. (2) and added par. (4).


Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 108–375, § 556(a), substituted “may confer academic degrees as follows:” for “may confer—“ in introductory provisions. “The” for “the” in pars. (1) to (3), period for semicolon in par. (1), and period for “;” and “;” in par. (2) and added par. (4).

1997—Pub. L. 105–85, div. A, title IX, § 913(b) of Pub. L. 105–85, added heading and text of subsec. (a) generally. Prior to amendment, text read as follows: “Upon the recommendation of the faculty of the School of Advanced Airpower Studies of the Air University, the Commander of the university may confer the degree of master of airpower art and science upon graduates of the school who fulfill the requirements for the degree.”

Effective Date
Section 913(b) of Pub. L. 105–337 provided that: “The authority provided by section 9317(a) of title 10, United States Code, as added by subsection (a), shall become effective on the date on which the Secretary of Education determines that the requirements established by the School of Advanced Airpower Studies of the Air University for the degree of master of airpower art and science are in accordance with generally applicable requirements for a degree of master of arts or a degree of master of science.”

$9317. Air University: conferral of degrees

(a) Authority.—Upon the recommendation of the faculty of the appropriate school of the Air University, the commander of the Air University may confer academic degrees as follows:

(1) The degree of master of strategic studies upon graduates of the Air War College who fulfill the requirements for that degree.

(2) The degree of master of military operational art and science upon graduates of the Air Command and Staff College who fulfill the requirements for that degree.

(3) The degree of master of airpower art and science upon graduates of the School of Advanced Airpower Studies who fulfill the requirements for that degree.

(b) Regulations.—The authority provided by subsection (a) shall be exercised under regulations prescribed by the Secretary of the Air Force.