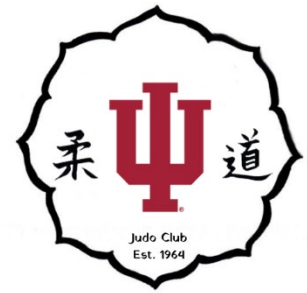


James Liam Donovan
Lead Instructor, Judo Club at Indiana University
Bloomington, Indiana
J.Liam.Donovan@pm.me



Thank you for your consideration of my candidacy, it is an honor to be nominated. As a long time judoka, with extensive experience as an engineer and program manager, I hope to bring my expertise in data driven management and rigorous financial administration to the sport I have loved since I was a child.

I hope to emphasize the following:

- **The Spirit of Jita-Kyoei:** Mutual prosperity has always been my favorite part of judo. I apply it not only to how I teach, but how I conduct myself professionally and personally.
- **Data Driven Decision Making and Leveraging Lessons Learned:** If we can avoid the pain of trial and error, through careful analysis and examining the history of others, we can only improve our situation.
- **Providing Resources and Support:** Assisting young adults and older judoka new to our sport. They will help grow the population base beyond just the pure numbers, as these are the judoka who will end up supporting the next generation, as coaches, referees, support staff, and parents.

I began my judo journey in 1984, at Tulsa Judo Club under Dr. Martin Bregman. Over the years, I have been lucky enough to be a member of multiple clubs as I have moved, including Yoon's Judo under Sensei Pius Yoon, the Notre Dame Judo Club under Sensei Charlie Hooks, and since 2014, the Judo Club at IU, first as an assistant instructor, and since 2016 as the lead instructor.

Professionally, I am a graduate of the University of Notre Dame, with a BS in Physics, and of the Naval Postgraduate School, with an MS in Systems Engineering.

I am a veteran of the US Navy, having served as a Submarine Nuclear Engineering Officer.

For the last 20+ years, I have been a government employee, serving multiple roles, including Lead Engineer, Project Officer, and Program Manager for multiple large programs, primarily focused on Special Operations and Marine Corps programs. Learning to do more with less has been a hallmark of my professional life.

If you have any questions regarding my experience or intentions, please feel free to reach out to me.

Very Respectfully,
-Liam Donovan