[Department of Homeland Security (DHS)](http://www.dhs.gov/%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank)

* Mission is “to secure the nation from the many threats we face.”
* The Office of Homeland Security was created after the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks to oversee and coordinate a comprehensive national strategy to safeguard the country against terrorism and respond to any future attacks. In November 2002, the Homeland Security Act formally created the new Cabinet level, Department of Homeland Security—integrating all or part of 22 federal departments and agencies—which opened on March 1, 2003.
* DHS’s total 2015 budget is approximately $41.2 billion.
* Sub-Agencies of Interest:
	+ [Science and Technology Directorate](https://www.dhs.gov/science-and-technology/)
		- [Office of University Programs](https://www.dhs.gov/science-and-technology/office-university-programs)
	+ [Office of Health Affairs](http://www.dhs.gov/office-health-affairs)
	+ [Office of Intelligence and Analysis](http://www.dhs.gov/about-office-intelligence-and-analysis)
	+ [Transportation Security Administration](http://www.tsa.gov/)
	+ [United States Customs and Border Protection](http://www.cbp.gov/)
	+ [Federal Emergency Management Agency](http://www.fema.gov/)

[Budget](https://www.dhs.gov/dhs-budget)

FY 16 budget included $786 million for the [Science and Technology Directorate](https://www.dhs.gov/science-and-technology/) including $41.6 million for [University Programs](https://www.dhs.gov/science-and-technology/office-university-programs).

[Freedom of Information Act (FOIA)](http://www.aascu.org/GRC/MultiSection.aspx?id=10668)

[Peer Review](https://www.dhs.gov/information-quality-standards)

**Offices and Programs for Higher Education**

* Through its [Office of Academic Engagement (OAE)](https://www.dhs.gov/topic/academic-engagement), DHS maintains numerous relationships with members of the academic community and directly engages with school administrators, faculty, and students on a range of issues.
* The [Office of University Programs](https://www.dhs.gov/science-and-technology/office-university-programs) streamlines access to the expertise of the nation's colleges and universities to address pressing homeland security needs.
	+ [Homeland Security University Programs Network](https://www.hsuniversityprograms.org/)

DHS Funding Opportunities

DHS funding opportunities include research and development in science and technology, interagency collaboration, a Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) program, community building grants, scholarships, internships, and fellowships.

A list of DHS Centers of Excellence funding opportunities can be found  [here](https://www.hsuniversityprograms.org/default/index.cfm/funding-opportunities/%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank).
[Comprehensive List of Internship/Scholarship/and Training Opportunities for Students](http://www.dhs.gov/job-opportunities-students)

DHS' [Long Range Broad Agency Announcement (LRBAA)](http://www.dhs.gov/st-lrbaa) standing, open invitation to the scientific and technical communities to fund pioneering R&D projects in support of our nation’s security. Its purpose is to advance our scientific and technical knowledge and to apply such advances to the department’s operational environments. A LRBAA differs from a regular Broad Agency Announcement (BAA) in that it is less narrowly defined.

* [Solicitation Portal](https://baa2.st.dhs.gov/portal/BAA/)

[DHS S&T SBIR Solicitation](https://sbir2.st.dhs.gov/portal/SBIR/)   - partnership opportunities may exist for colleges and universities.

**Helpful Links**

[Doing Business with DHS](http://www.dhs.gov/do-business-dhs)

[Getting Started: DHS Contracting](http://www.dhs.gov/get-started-dhs-contracting)

**Things to Consider**

The application submission process varies by program; see individual program descriptions for instructions.