

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY DIRECTORATE (DHS/S&T)
2014 FUNDING OPPORTUNITY ANNOUNCEMENT (FOA)
CENTER OF EXCELLENCE FOR BORDERS, TRADE AND IMMIGRATION RESEARCH

Informational Webinar

**Center of Excellence for Borders, Trade and Immigration Research -
Center Lead**

Date: May 5, 2014

Time: 3:30-4:30 p.m., Eastern Daylight Time

Academic institutions interested in participating in the Center of Excellence for Borders, Trade and Immigration Research as a lead institution were invited to attend a webinar on May 5, 2014 at 3:30 p.m. (EDT).

During this webinar, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Science and Technology Directorate's Office of University Programs will discuss the DHS Centers of Excellence (COEs) Program and the expectations for a DHS COE. Participants submitted written questions during the webinar.

The up to \$20 million, 5-year cooperative agreement will fund the creation of a new DHS Center of Excellence for Borders, Trade and Immigration Research to conduct research and education to enhance the nation's ability to secure the border, facilitate lawful international trade and travel, enforce our immigration and customs laws, grant immigration and citizenship benefits, promote an awareness and understanding of citizenship, and ensure the integrity of our immigration system.

The following questions were posed by webinar attendees:

Q: How does DHS envision the structure for collaboration with public and private partners in terms of compensation model (e.g., sub award, consultant)? What has worked best in past experience?

A: DHS has no opinion. The COE is free to set this up.

Q: How does DHS envision the outcome in terms of intellectual property (IP)? If the research is testing existing technology for a new use, who owns the IP?

A: University owns the IP and government has unlimited license. There is more detail in FOA and in the Terms and Conditions (Section M, p. 72).

Q: Will the webinar PowerPoint slides be available on grants.gov?

A: The PowerPoint slides and the webinar Q&A document will be available on grants.gov.

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Q: Is there a limit to the number of projects (or the total funding of projects) to be added to a Center lead?

A: No, there is no limit.

Q: What is the division of projects/funding between education and research?

A: DHS does not direct this. It is up to applicant decide this.

Q: Since not all projects will be selected, would it be acceptable to submit potential project alternatives?

A: Applicants should submit their best overall package.

Q: How should the research projects be divided among border security, trade and immigration topics?

A: Because this is specific to the research themes, please refer to the FOA.

The funding opportunity announcements for the Borders, Trade and Immigration Research Center [lead institution](#) and [partner institution](#) are available at [grants.gov](#).

For additional information about the DHS COEs, visit [DHS S&T Centers of Excellence](#).