University Partnerships Deliver Results

**Centers of Excellence (COEs)** university-led consortia work with industry, DHS components, other government and homeland security agencies (federal, state, and local), and first responders to develop critical technologies and analyses to secure the homeland. COEs also develop homeland security-related curricula and training.

**Workforce and Professional Development Initiatives** develop the current and future homeland security science and engineering workforce. OUP grants, internships, and fellowships expose students to advanced technical knowledge, training, and complex, real-world challenges, in order to become the next generation of homeland security leaders.

**The Minority Serving Institutions (MSIs) Program** provides grants and awards to build a diverse, highly capable, technical workforce for the homeland security enterprise.
Impacts

Achievement Through Collaboration

- **Developed** more than 100 targeted tools, technologies, and knowledge products through COEs for use across the homeland security enterprise.
- **Performed** targeted research for 11 DHS components and offices and five other Federal agencies, which have contributed over $140 million in supplemental COE investments.
- **Attracted** over $420 million in additional funding from external sources for homeland security research, development, and education.
- **Placed** 445 students in summer internships since 2008 to conduct research in DHS mission-relevant research areas at federal research facilities located across the country.
- **Awarded** 63 Career Development Grants to universities plus 289 Fellowships and 256 Scholarships to individuals.

Working with OUP

Getting Started

- Identify your university-based research and development or education requirements.
- Learn more about the COEs and check out OUP’s database of ongoing efforts at [https://www.hsuniversityprograms.org](https://www.hsuniversityprograms.org).
- Contact OUP by emailing universityprograms@hq.dhs.gov. We will match you with the appropriate OUP program manager to meet your needs and find needed research and development capabilities within OUP’s network of more than 200 partner institutions.

Vehicles to Access OUP Research and Education

OUP offers a variety of vehicles through which DHS components and other partners can access the expertise found at the DHS COEs.

- **Basic Ordering Agreements** - Through a Basic Ordering Agreement (BOA), DHS components can establish a contractual task order directly with a COE to conduct targeted R&D or education projects. To learn more, visit [https://www.dhs.gov/coes-boa](https://www.dhs.gov/coes-boa).
- **OUP Cooperative Agreements and Grants** - OUP has a suite of standing cooperative agreements and grants with dozens of colleges and universities. DHS components and other federal agencies can tap into these vehicles through a variety of partnership opportunities or Interagency Agreements.

For more information, please visit [hsuniversityprograms.org](https://hsuniversityprograms.org) or [dhs.gov/science-and-technology/office-university-programs](https://dhs.gov/science-and-technology/office-university-programs)