

IC CAE



Virginia Tech Howard University

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The Office of the Director of National Intelligence (ODNI) has awarded Virginia Tech and Howard University \$2.5M for the Intelligence Community Center of Academic Excellence (IC CAE) to help meet the intelligence community's critical need for diverse personnel who possess the technological, analytic and critical language capabilities needed for the 21st Century world. Dennis Blair, the Director of National Intelligence, framed the need, "We need employees with a wide background with national ethnic origin in order to be effective with different foreign language capabilities, different heritages, different ethnicities, different orientations, different perspectives, different ideas for us to do our job. And we're a better force for it." Virginia Tech and Howard University will help develop the pipeline of qualified candidates through a targeted development of pre-collegiate outreach, National Security symposium, basic research in IC relevant topics, curriculum development, funding students to study abroad, and facilitating internships and co-ops with IC agencies, national labs, and related industries.

High School Outreach



Colloquia



Internships



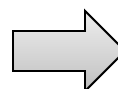
Research



Curriculum



Study Abroad



Making good students
even better

The IC CAE program provides value-added benefits to students from all majors by increasing their awareness of the diverse agency missions and enhancing their competitiveness for highly-sought-after National Security internships and full time positions with agencies, national labs and contractors. The program funds IC CAE scholars for participation in substantive study abroad experiences. Additionally, IC CAE associates will receive enhanced internship placement services. Students across the University will benefit from an IC Speaker series, and IC brief writing, resume development, and security clearance workshops. A two-pronged approach of enhancing existing courses with IC-relevant teaching modules combined with a long-term vision of a National Security concentration or certificate creates a legacy for future students. This program contributes to broadening students' awareness of National Security issues and global cultures, making them better world citizens regardless of their ultimate career paths.

The IC CAE program is unclassified with no commitment required upon graduation

Program Overview : <http://vticcaea.wordpress.com/category/faq/>

Application: <https://survey.vt.edu/survey/entry.jsp?id=1258057361203>

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Key Accomplishments and Metrics of Success

IC CAE Scholars

- Over 50 Applicants for 2009-2010
- 12 guest speakers, Over 80 hours of One-on-one office hours
- 67 new applications generated for internships, co-ops, fulltime jobs in the IC and National Security since inception
- 6 Conditional offers of Employment in IC Agencies awarded to VT IC CAE Scholars

Study Abroad

- 12 students sent to 4 week International Business / Nations in Crisis program in Prague
- 4 students funded on Independent Research on ACC Grant through Provost Office
- 9 study abroad scholarships for Chinese Language Institute: Guilin, China



Curriculum Development

- Graduate Certificate in National Security proposed for ECE
- BA in Security Studies with options in National Security and Conflict and Peace Studies proposed in College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences
- New CIA Officer in Residence teaching new IC overview and GIS courses beginning Spring 2011

IC Colloquia

- Over 90 attendees in 2010. IC Career mentoring fair in 2011

Pre-collegiate Outreach

- After school STEM club Fingerprint workshop

