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CINA Welcomes 2020-21 Open RFP White

An opportunity for submissions to be accepted at any time during the year. This rolling RFP provides an ongoing mechanism for individuals, institutions, and organizations to submit research ideas intended to address questions and challenges that currently, or might soon, be facing the world. Submissions are welcome in any discipline that has the potential to improve homeland security.

Paper Submissions and Supporting Documents should be submitted online at the Center’s website, cina.gmu.edu. Questions about this open RFP may be directed to info@cina.gmu.edu.

Virtual Hearing: Geopolitically Speaking: Leaders on International Law and Human Rights

I invite you to join me on May 12th for the 2021 COE Summit Distinguished Speaker Series. Virtual DDLS #4: Geopolitically Speaking: Leaders on International Law and Human Rights.

The combined COE-DHS network is formidable, but if there is one thing we have all learned, it is that we are safer together. For example, at our 2020 COE Summit, we were delighted to hear about the valuable partnership with DHS at all levels, we trust each other, and we are all working towards a common goal.

As we approach the upcoming COE Summit, we are excited to once again bring together leaders from across the nation and the world to discuss the common goals of safety and security for our people, our nation, and the world. The threat landscape facing our nation and world is complex, varied, and dynamic. We are actively dealing with a global pandemic, mass shootings, foreign and domestic terrorism, and more broadly by our nation and world.

There are related and complementary skills and expertise at the different centers, and we must continue to work together to address our shared challenges. As I mentioned earlier, we have more than enough challenges to fill our plates, we have a strong and diverse team, so we are ready to take on any task.

To strike a balance, we must consider, open minds, leadership, focus, diligence, discipline, persistence, and adaptability. The obvious answer is by working together toward common goals, mixing tried and true methods with new and innovative ideas. But how do we do that?

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To learn more about the CINA Scholars program, contact Deanna Austin at dausti@gmu.edu.

Walton, an Information Systems and Operations Management major at George Mason University, will be conducting fieldwork for the TSA-DHS Performance Assurance Program. During the internship, Walton will assist and collaborate with TSA-DHS Performance Assurance Program members to review data sets and identify inconsistencies, attend and participate in meetings and discussions with TSA customer and employees to gather information, perform basic data analysis and provide improvement recommendations, and more.

The Public Policy and Government Analysis major at George Mason University, Baldimitsi, is doing research on the criminal justice and law enforcement system, specifically on the impact of money laundering and financial crime on our society. Her research seeks to understand how financial systems can be leveraged to support criminal activities, and how to develop strategies to prevent and disrupt such activities.

Walton and Baldimitsi, along with Mason Assistant Professors Maurice D. Kugler (Computer Science) and Foteini Baldimitsi (Public Policy), are leading a panel to discuss network investigations: from transaction to seizure.

The panel will explore the challenges and opportunities of network investigations, including the importance of data analysis, collaboration between law enforcement agencies, and the role of technology in disrupting criminal networks.

The panel will also discuss the legal and ethical considerations involved in network investigations, and how these practices are evolving in response to new threats.

The panel is scheduled to take place on May 12th, 2021. For more information about the panel, please visit the event website at www.coesummit.org.