**THOUGHTS FROM THE DIRECTOR**

Jim Jones

CINA’s Policy on Diversity and Inclusion: Since the U.S. Department of Homeland Security established the CINA Center at George Mason University in 2017, we have worked hard to foster an inclusive environment. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) are at the forefront of our DEI initiatives. We are committed to ensuring that all students, faculty, and staff are treated with respect and dignity, regardless of their background. This includes fostering a culture of diversity, equity, and inclusion through our DEI initiatives and programs. We are committed to creating a diverse and inclusive community where all individuals are valued and respected.

**COVID-19 White Paper**

The spread of COVID-19 in the winter of 2019 and spring of 2020 and the associated response actions taken by governments, companies, and individuals represent a significant environmental change for many organisms, including networked criminal organizations. Read the full white paper.

**CINA Open RFP 2020-21**

CINA is seeking white papers presenting research ideas intended to address questions and challenges that CINA, DHS, and/or its federal partners are currently facing, or are expected to be facing in the near future. This is an open, rolling RFP. Submissions will be accepted at any time during the RFP open period (June 2020 – June 2021). Check our website for more information.

**CINA Summer Research Team**

Welcome to Frank Xu of University of Baltimore’s School of Criminal Justice and Duminda Wijesekera of George Mason University’s Volgenau School of Engineering to the CINA Summer Research Team. The program seeks to engage faculty led teams of undergraduate and graduate students in research that provides opportunities to better understand the mission and research needs of DHS, strengthen the talent pool of scientists and engineers, and conduct collaborative research of mutual interest to the team, the DHS Center, and the DHS.

The purpose of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Summer Research Team (SRT) Program is to increase and enhance the scientific leadership at Minority Serving Institutions (MSIs) in research areas that support the mission and goals of DHS. Read more about the program.

**2021 COE Summit**

The 2021 COE Summit will take place in May 2021. Watch the recap and read more about the 2019 COE Summit here.

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You’re invited to submit articles, photos, videos, and story ideas to include in upcoming newsletters. Submit your ideas on our website contact form.

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