CINA Research Student Awarded Fellowship

To Support Research in Disrupting Human Trafficking Networks

Kosmas, a first-year Ph.D. student in the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute mathematics department, has been awarded a fellowship from the Transnational Alliance to Combat Illicit Trade in the Physical and Cyber Worlds (TACTIC). Kosmas’ research proposes novel methods for disrupting human trafficking networks. His work will expand upon network interdiction models to appropriately model the nuances of how trafficking networks operate, and develop new solution methods that account for these quantitative tools to assist criminal justice practitioners in policy making for combating human trafficking.

Our Fellowships are granted on a competitive basis to graduate students who have demonstrated an interest in and potential for pursuing a career in combating human trafficking.

The Transnational Alliance Board has let the grantee know on November 2, 2020.

The award includes $40,000 in support of Kosmas’ research, and the student cohort will be open to new applicants over the next 3 years. The fellowship will provide support for the student’s research, so Kosmas can focus on advancing their research.

Kosmas’ research aims to contribute to our understanding of the complex dynamics of human trafficking networks, and develop new methods that can be applied to disrupt these networks. His work will be presented at upcoming conferences and published in peer-reviewed journals.

For the Transnational Alliance Board meeting, a panel of esteemed criminal justice practitioners and thought leaders examined the current state of human trafficking networks and discussed new strategies and tools to combat this modern-day slavery.

The three-year award will support Kosmas’ research in the field of network interdiction and develop new solution methods to disrupt these networks. His work will be presented at upcoming conferences and published in peer-reviewed journals.