



## College of International Security Affairs' Internship Program

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The College of International Security Affairs (CISA) is one of the National Defense University's five component colleges. CISA educates and prepares U.S. and partner nations' security practitioners for the challenges of the contemporary security environment. CISA is the DOD's flagship for professional military education and building partner capacity in counterterrorism and irregular warfare at the strategic level. In addition to performing these functions, CISA is a critical repository of knowledge and experience concerning counterterrorism, irregular warfare, homeland defense, international affairs, security studies and area studies.

CISA is one of the few places in Washington D.C. or academia, where policy, practice and theory overlap. CISA faculty and students apply knowledge and insights gained in an academic setting to real world security contingencies. Examples include- combating the threat of Boko Haram in Africa; achieving state security; degrading ISIS capability and stemming spillover of conflict from Iraq/ Syria into neighboring countries, and developing a new approach to fighting drug trafficking organizations in Latin and South America. Finally, interns undertake meaningful work that directly supports the scholarship and instruction that occurs at CISA on a daily basis.

### Internship

The faculty and staff at CISA will do all they can to ensure that internship experience is academically and experientially rewarding. Interns should expect to work 25- 35 hours per week. Internships are unpaid positions.

Duties may include:

- Research support as requested by faculty members to assist with publications, course materials, and outreach;
- Research, writing, and editorial support for the intern run newsfeed "The Eagle Eye;"
- Assist staff and faculty in support of CISA programs, including the International Counterterrorism Fellowship (ICTF) Program and the South Central Asia Program (SCAP);
- Administrative duties as assigned, including occasional university-wide event support.

An internship at CISA offers numerous opportunities, including:

- Participation in conferences, workshops, and other programs at the National Defense University featuring senior experts, academics, military officers, and diplomats;
- Access to the NDU library and research resources;
- On-the-job experience and professional development opportunities;
- Experience conducting research and individual projects.

### Qualifications

CISA interns must be enrolled in a degree-seeking program at the time of application (students who plan to graduate in May 2016 are welcome to apply). Ideally, the applicant is majoring in international relations, area studies, political science, history or other fields relating to the CISA mission and has completed some coursework in these areas. Potential subjects of interest include, but are not limited to international affairs, area and regional studies, conflict management, counter-proliferation, counterterrorism, environmental security, grand strategy, homeland security, human rights, non-state actors, political economy, and post-conflict reconstruction.

Internship applicants will be assessed on their ability in the following areas:

- Prioritize, organize, and complete tasks with minimal supervision;
- Use library/research resources to gather relevant data to support faculty research;
- Ability to use Microsoft Word and Excel effectively;
- Work as a team player;
- Employ competent research, writing, and communications skills in support of faculty research;
- Work well with different cultures and peoples.
- Foreign language skills are highly desired, but not required.

**Application process:** Please send a resume, brief writing sample, unofficial academic transcripts, and a cover letter (No more than one page indicating areas of academic interest, personal expertise, reason you would like to intern at CISA and availability) to John Van Oudenaren at [john.vanoudenaren@gc.ndu.edu](mailto:john.vanoudenaren@gc.ndu.edu) with the subject line 'Last name, First name – Summer 2016 Intern Application'. Applications for the summer cohort will be assessed on a rolling basis from mid-January to late April.