

START



COUNTERING VIOLENT

EXTREMISM FELLOWSHIP: 2015-2017

START's Countering Violent Extremism Fellowship (CVEF), is a comprehensive, two-and-a-half-year program designed for four undergraduate students at the University of Maryland. Students will enter the program in the middle of their sophomore years, and the program will last through the end of their senior years. The program experiences are aimed at transitioning students from their undergraduate experiences to professional positions in the homeland security science and technology arena (HS-STEM), with particular emphasis on transitioning into positions related to countering violent extremism (CVE) programming and policy-making.

EDUCATION

Students will participate in :

- A one-semester START internship focused on radicalization research at START headquarters
- A four-semester internship focused on faculty-led development of global CVE education and training programs
- Five semesters of course work specific to career development for CVE focused career paths including participation in Career Profile Sessions, Research Round Tables, and more!
- Nine credits of START summer and winter elective courses focused in terrorism studies and CVE

Students must be enrolled in their Sophomore year in the 2014-2015 academic year, have intentions to be enrolled at UMD full time until at least Spring 2017, be willing to complete all CVEF requirements-including ability to travel for two summers, be willing to commit to a one year, full time, paid service requirement at a homeland security position following graduation, and be a U.S. Citizen.



PAID TUITION FOR 2 YEARS...AND MORE

The four students selected to participate in this program will receive financial support, allowing students to focus their time and energies on their homeland-security studies and professional development. Each student selected for the program will receive:

- Tuition and mandatory fees for two-and-a-half academic years beginning spring 2015 (five semesters, two summers, one winter);
- Monthly stipend of \$350 during the academic years of their fellowship;
- Salary for two, 10-week summer research internships and summer housing and travel stipends totaling \$18,000;
- Support to attend the annual DHS Career Development Conference; and
- Support to attend the START Annual Meeting.

In return for the generous support the CVEF students will receive, they will be required to maintain full-time student status throughout the duration of their participation in the program. Should a student not satisfactorily meet all requirements, including the service commitment, the student may be required to pay back all funds associated with the CVEF program.

Applications are due on **Monday, November 10 at 9am**. For more information and the application go to: www.start.umd.edu/education/countering-violent-extremism-fellowship-cvef-2015-2017.

Contact education@start.umd.edu with questions.