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Update on the New Master's Program

Progress has been made on the new master's degree this past fall. An Interim Steering Committee, composed of faculty representing every college, has been formed for the purpose of creating an interdisciplinary homeland security faculty. Texas A&M rules require that an interdisciplinary faculty be formed to provide academic oversight for an intercollegiate or interdisciplinary degree program. This steering committee will lay the groundwork for the formation of the interdisciplinary faculty, at which time the executive committee of the interdisciplinary faculty will take over to complete the process for the new degree program.

The Interim Steering Committee has met three times to develop bylaws and discuss the requirements for the new interdisciplinary faculty. It is anticipated that the process required to create a new interdisciplinary faculty will be completed by February 1, 2008.

Homeland Security Academic Environment Report Available

The first Homeland Security and Defense Education Consortium commissioned research project on the Homeland Security Academic Environment is available at <http://www.hsdec.org/research.aspx>. Academic programs were reviewed, using publicly available information, to assess the state of education in this emerging discipline and make recommendations for program development.

National Defense Science and Engineering Fellowships

The 2007-2008 application for the National Defense Science and Engineering fellowship is now open. The deadline for application is January 7, 2008. This site (<https://www.asee.org/ndseg/>) describes the NDSEG Fellowship Program, its eligibility requirements, and the application process. The Program seeks to identify individuals whose scientific and engineering credentials will support study culminating in doctoral degrees. The primary goal of the Program is to provide the United States with talented, doctorally-trained American men and women who will lead state-of-the-art research projects in disciplines of greatest benefit to national defense.

Department of Homeland Security Scholarship and Fellowship Program

The DHS Scholarship and Fellowship Program is intended for students interested in pursuing the basic science and technology innovations that can be applied to the DHS mission. This education program is intended to ensure a diverse and

highly talented science and technology community to achieve the DHS mission and objectives. Areas of study that are eligible include: physical sciences, mathematical sciences, computer and information sciences, life sciences, social sciences, psychology, and engineering. Applications are due January 7, 2008. For more information, go to <http://www.orau.gov/dhsed/2008pages/fellowship.html>.

Dr. Garry Adams Appointed to Biodefense Committee

Dr. Garry Adams, a member of our homeland security Interim Steering Committee, was recently appointed to the National Research Council's Biodefense Standing Committee for the Department of Defense. His role will be to focus on biothreats and the creation of new and novel defense mechanisms. He is also the new associate dean for homeland security with the Texas A&M University College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences, the first position dedicated to homeland security housed within a veterinary school. You can read [a more detailed article](#) on the Texas A&M news site.

Dr. David McIntyre Elected To National InfraGard Board

David McIntyre, director of the Integrative Center for Homeland Security, was recently elected to the board of directors for the [InfraGard National Members Alliance](#). Dr. McIntyre is chair of the Interim Steering Committee that is developing the new masters program in homeland security at Texas A&M. [Read more.](#)

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