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PRODUCTS

For state, local, tribal, territorial and/or private sector can
be found on:

HSIN <https://hsin.dhs.gov/>

LEEP <https://www.cjis.gov/>

RISS <https://www.riss.net>

TRIPWire <https://tripwire.dhs.gov/>

DSAC <https://www.dsac.gov>

INFRAGARD <https://www.infragard.org>

WHAT ELSE DO I NEED TO KNOW?

- The program is open only to full-time employees of a US state, local, tribal, or territorial government department or agency. Applicants must be on a state, local, tribal, or territorial payroll and remain on that payroll for the duration of the fellowship.
- There is no salary and benefits reimbursement to the home agency for participating fellows. Fellows remain on their department's or agency's payroll and return to their home agencies at the conclusion of the fellowship. All other costs associated with the fellowship (travel, local transportation, housing, training, home trips and per diem) are covered by the Federal sponsor (NCTC, DHS, or FBI).
- Fellows will not serve as direct liaisons or information conduits to their home agencies. Instead, they will represent the broad information requirements of the law enforcement, fire service, emergency medical services, intelligence, homeland security, and public health communities.
- The timeline from selection, security clearance screening, and final entry on duty typically ranges from 9-16 months.
- Participation in the fellowship is contingent upon successful completion of a TOP SECRET/SCI security background investigation and counterintelligence polygraph.

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WHO WE ARE

JCAT at the National Counterterrorism Center (NCTC) is where public safety professionals—law enforcement, emergency medical services, fire service, intelligence, homeland security, and public health officials—are making a difference in the counterterrorism community. JCAT fellows are serving public safety professionals from around the country, working side-by-side with intelligence analysts from the NCTC, Department of Homeland Security (DHS), and Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) to research, produce, and disseminate counterterrorism information.

OUR MISSION

IMPROVE INFORMATION SHARING AND ENHANCE PUBLIC SAFETY.

In coordination with the FBI and DHS, JCAT collaborates with other members of the Intelligence Community to research, produce, and disseminate counterterrorism intelligence products for federal, and state, local, tribal, and territorial government agencies and the private sector (SLTTP) and advocate for the counterterrorism intelligence requirements and needs of these partners.

HOW DOES JCAT CARRY OUT ITS MISSION?

- JCAT performs counterterrorism intelligence review and collaborative **PRODUCTION** to ensure SLTTP intelligence needs and requirements are met; SLTTP experience and expertise is leveraged; and products are relevant and useful to customers.
- JCAT performs **OUTREACH and EDUCATION** to build and strengthen Federal and SLTTP partnerships; promote awareness and understanding of partner capabilities and resources; improve information sharing; and recruit fellows.
- JCAT provides **SUPPORT** to counterterrorism partners in the planning, delivery, and evaluation of exercises; and the facilitation of training.

WHAT'S IN IT FOR YOU?

JCAT IS A FEDERAL FELLOWSHIP AND BENEFITS TO PARTICIPATING FELLOWS INCLUDE:

- TOP SECRET/SCI clearance upon successful completion of the clearance process;
- Enhanced understanding of the federal counterterrorism landscape—including roles, missions, capabilities, and initiatives that can be leveraged to support local counterterrorism efforts;
- Knowledge of current and emerging threat streams drawn from NCTC's access and role as the nation's primary organization for integrating and analyzing counterterrorism information and strategic operational planning;
- Strong understanding of the intelligence cycle and how terrorist tactics, techniques, and procedures might impact officer safety, tactics development, training requirements, equipment purchases, staffing, and resource decisions in your agency or department;
- Network of recognized counterterrorism experts drawn from professional interactions with NCTC, the Intelligence Community, and across multiple federal agencies; and
- Critical thinking, tradecraft, and analytic skills developed through participation in Intelligence Community training.

WHAT'S IN IT FOR YOUR ORGANIZATION?

PARTICIPATING FELLOWS HAVE RETURNED TO THEIR HOME DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES AND:

- Established intelligence capabilities;
- Implemented suspicious activity reporting mechanisms;
- Instituted counterterrorism-specific training and exercises;
- Joined their local fusion centers, FBI field offices, and JTTFs; and
- Started Terrorism Liaison Officer programs.

QUALIFICATIONS

APPLICANTS MUST BE A FULL-TIME EMPLOYEE OF A STATE, LOCAL, TRIBAL, OR TERRITORIAL GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT OR AGENCY AND SHOULD HAVE AT LEAST FIVE YEARS OF EXPERIENCE:

- In law enforcement, fire service, multiagency task forces, long-term investigations, public safety, public health, intelligence, critical infrastructure protection, homeland security, or information sharing. First responder experience is desirable;
— OR —
- Performing intelligence research and analysis; interpreting investigative information and extrapolating data for analysis, evaluation, and dissemination; and identifying trends and knowledge gaps related to terrorist plans, intentions, and capabilities. Fusion Center, FBI Field Office, and /or JTTF experience is desirable.