Global Alumni Network

CISA graduates form a network that spans across the globe, encompassing:

- More than 500 international graduates from over 90 partner states, such as Afghanistan, Pakistan, Colombia, Brazil, Yemen, Kenya, and the Philippines;

- Alumni from U.S. government agencies and military services, including the Department of Defense, Defense Intelligence Agency, Office of Naval Intelligence, National Counterterrorism Center, Department of Homeland Security, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Transportation, Department of State, and the Department of Energy’s National Nuclear Security Administration.

This impressive diversity fosters a unique experience that endures for years beyond the course. Upon completion of the program, graduates return to senior counterterrorism and national security positions within their respective militaries and governments.

“There is no permanent American solution to the security challenges that we face within any foreign nation, nor can the world meet the test of time without strong American leadership. And that's why my administration is committed to comprehensive engagement with the world, including strengthened partnerships with the foreign militaries and security forces that can combat our common enemies. Those partnerships are advanced here, within the walls of this university, where we welcome men and women from around the world to study alongside Americans, to understand our values, to forge partnerships and hopefully friendships that contribute to a safer world.”

President Barack Obama
Dedication Ceremony, Lincoln Hall
March 12, 2009

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Counterterrorism Fellowship Program (CTF)

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South and Central Asia Program

Developed in partnership with the Joint Staff, the South and Central Asia Program brings U.S. military officers of the Afghanistan-Pakistan Hands Program to CISA to supplement their on-the-ground experience with theoretical, analytical and regional expertise.

Master of Arts at Fort Bragg

This unique program draws upon the diverse experiences of select Non-Commissioned Officers, Special Operations Forces, and Warrant Officers and educates these rising military leaders to think critically and understand strategic level analysis.

The Faculty

CISA’s faculty is uniquely positioned between academia and government, and publish widely in peer-reviewed journals, and both popular and academic presses. They are experts in irregular warfare, international security studies, armed groups and non-state actors, and terrorism.