

International Academic Partnerships for Science and Security

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OVERVIEW

The proposed project will establish an International Hub of Knowledge Exchange to **enhance collaboration and knowledge sharing between academic research centers focused on terrorism and targeted violence prevention**. The program of work has two key lines of effort: knowledge sharing (i.e. bi-monthly seminar series, annual international hub meeting, digital security magazine) and collaborative innovation among early career researchers (e.g., PhD scholarships, informal research collaborations, joint grant development). Through these efforts, the international hub program will: 1) deepen relationships among academics across FVEY countries and other international partners; 2) encourage exchange of knowledge and methodological expertise across international partners, other multilateral groups, and the public; and 3) contribute to the development of the next generation of social and behavioral scientists in the prevention space.

OBJECTIVES

The proposed program of work aims to improve collaboration across the international research and development apparatus, starting with FVEY nations and other bilateral partners, and focusing on targeted violence and terrorism prevention (TVTP). The program is inspired by the existing government-to-government partnerships of the Five Country Ministerial (FCM) Countering Violent Extremism (CVE) Working Group, and the 5RD CVEN. The 5RD framework provides a forum for the FVEY nations (i.e., the United States, United Kingdom, Canada, Australia, and New Zealand) to coordinate applied research in the homeland security domain. Within this framework, the CVEN was established to plan, coordinate, share, and disseminate Targeted Violence and Terrorism Prevention (TVTP) research. In 2022, the CVEN met to discuss current future priorities. One identified priority was for greater sharing of knowledge between the 5RD Academic Research Centers, which this proposal seeks to foster.

STAKEHOLDERS

The key stakeholders for this project are TVTP practitioners and research program managers in FVEY and other bilateral governments. This includes decision-makers in organizations such as the U.S. DHS Science and Technology Directorate, the DHS Center for Prevention Programs and Partnerships, the U.K. Home Office's Office of Security and Counterterrorism, Australia's Defence Science and Technology Organization and Home Affairs, New Zealand's Department of Internal Affairs and/or Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, and Defense R&D Canada or Public Safety Canada.

