Visiting Scholar

Ethical, Legal, and Societal Implications

JOB TYPE:

JOB LOCATION:

APPLY BY:

Full-time; one-year term

Arlington, Virginia

June 3, 2024

JOB DESCRIPTION

The Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) is hiring the 2025 Ethical, Legal, and Societal Implications (ELSI) Visiting Scholar after piloting the position in 2024. The ideal candidate would be a mid-career professional who studies the ELSI aspects of emerging technologies (or related field) and could commit to an approximately 12 month-long, primarily-in-person position in Arlington, Virginia, beginning December 2024 or January 2025.

ELSI has a vital role in the responsible development of emerging technologies by guiding innovation, maximizing the potential application space, and facilitating a dialogue with future end-users, the public, and policymakers to ensure consideration of all perspectives. At DARPA, the Visiting Scholar has a unique opportunity to work directly with a broad range of highly consequential science and technology programs as they are being developed. DARPA is a global leader in innovation and starts an average of 50 new programs each year. These programs span a variety of technical disciplines to develop breakthrough technologies for national security, all of which raise ELSI-relevant considerations. The Visiting Scholar will have an opportunity to affect the structure of DARPA's ELSI work, provide subject matter expertise in the development of DARPA programs and conduct independent research. The Visiting Scholar will work with DARPA program managers, ELSI Advisors and the ELSI Facilitator, as well as the university, industry, and non-profit performers who work on DARPA-funded research.

As DARPA is part of the U.S. Department of Defense, U.S. citizenship is required for the position. The successful candidate must qualify for and maintain a security clearance.

HOW TO APPLY To begin the application process, submit a cover letter describing your background and interest in the position and CV or resume by June 3, 2024, to ELSI@darpa.mil.