

DEFENSE AND UNIVERSITY PARTNERSHIPS: SOME LESSONS LEARNED

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ABSTRACT

The United States Department of Defense builds and maintains capacity via fostering collaborations that include a variety of stakeholders, such as service components, industry contractors (small and large organizations), research laboratories, academic institutions, program managers, and others. These partnerships provide access to skills that may not be readily available within the government while also exposing university students to defense research and consulting topics, motivating more participation in defense problem-solving. We have been a part of various defense and university capstone partnerships and hope that our experiences, shared in this presentation, can serve as a springboard for future collaborations and enhance national security and strategic education outcomes.

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