

**Excerpt from House Committee Report to Accompany  
the  
F.Y. 2006 Homeland Security Appropriations Bill**

**UNIVERSITY PROGRAMS/FELLOWSHIPS**

The Committee notes that the University and Fellowship Programs will have at least \$45,000,000 in unobligated resources at the end of fiscal year 2005. The Committee recommends \$63,600,000 in new budgetary authority, the same as the budget request, for a total of \$108,600,000 available for these programs in fiscal year 2006. The Committee urges S&T to continue to expand its Centers of Excellence. Through the Homeland Security Centers of Excellence (HS-Centers) Science and Technology is encouraging universities to become centers of multi-disciplinary research. The future of homeland security science is being advanced through both its Centers of Excellence and by the development of the next generation of scientists through its Scholars and Fellows Program. There continues to be intense interest from universities with proposals to perform homeland security activities. This additional funding will allow Science and Technology to evaluate and support additional university proposals in fiscal year 2006.