



# Federal Bureau of Investigation Academic Biosecurity Workshop

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Many individuals and groups have expressed the intent to attack the United States with biological weapons. In order to further their plans these individuals have targeted laboratories, biotechnology companies, scientists, and students. The methods used to acquire the information and skills needed to successfully carry out these attacks can be sophisticated. Increasing the awareness of potential biosecurity risks and obtaining a thorough understanding of the warning signs that may indicate targeting procedures, by a would-be terrorist, will enable the detection of institutional issues impacting biosecurity before an incident occurs and will promote the early reporting of suspicious activities. Integrated, comprehensive, and cohesive communication strategies between research institutions and law enforcement agencies, as well as community stakeholders, will establish and/or solidify mutually beneficial relationships that will better identify existing threats and expand the knowledge of emerging trends and technologies to prevent attacks.

This workshop will identify the biosecurity roles and responsibilities of law enforcement agencies, research institutions, and community stakeholders. Through this process, it will show the benefits of pooling resources and expertise and mitigate potential perceived obstacles to improving the cooperation among the disciplines. Building a culture of responsibility and trust between the scientific and security communities is the key to improving the cooperation among law enforcement agencies and research institutions thus facilitating the mitigation of potential biosecurity issues that may affect public health and safety.

**Workshop Goal:** Improve the cooperation among law enforcement agencies and research institutions to mitigate potential biosecurity issues that may affect public health and safety

**Objectives:**

- Identify biosecurity roles and responsibilities of law enforcement agencies
- Identify biosecurity roles and responsibilities of research institutions
- Identify benefits and potential obstacles to improve cooperation among law enforcement agencies and research institutions regarding biosecurity
- Identify methods of improving communications among biosecurity stakeholders

**Speakers:**

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<b>Target Audience:</b>	Responsible Officials	Biosafety Officials	Human Resources
	Environmental Health and Safety Officials	VP of Research (Institution Official)	
	Principal Investigators/Research Directors	Laboratory Supervisors/Managers	PIOs
	Postgraduates, graduates, and undergraduate students		Campus Police and Security
	State and local police departments	Emergency/Fire Responders	State/Local Public Health
	Office of Emergency Management	Cyber/IT Department	Office of General Counsel

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