The University of Southern California (USC) Executive Program in Counter-Terrorism is a unique course designed to challenge international counter-terrorism leaders and enhance their analysis, coordination, and response capabilities to the evolving terrorism threat. The program, entering its ninth year, is structured specifically for public sector professionals and policymakers and employs an interdisciplinary academic and experiential learning environment. Participants will strengthen their cross-functional skills through immersion in key issues and best practices presented by world-class research and public policy experts in counter-terrorism. In addition, the program fosters academic, professional, and personal development amidst a diverse group of peers from across the country and around the world.

Admission Requirements
Public sector executives are encouraged to apply. Admission is selective and based on professional achievement and organizational responsibility. Proficiency in written and spoken English is required. Bachelor’s degree is preferred. Applying to this program requires online application submission to include a letter of endorsement from the candidate’s employer on appropriate agency letterhead.

Program Goals
The CREATE Summer Executive Program has two high impact goals. It is intended to (1) institute best practices in counter-terrorism problem solving and (2) facilitate and enable informed networking of public and private officials for homeland security success. Instructed by academic, research, and governmental experts from around the world, each of the one-day program modules in the Executive Program offers contemporary lectures, interactive problem solving focused discussions and site visits on selected topics related to detection, deterrence, and preparedness for counter-terrorism events. The program modules are aligned with the divisions of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security’s Science and Technology Directorate.

Application Process
Candidates can find out more about the course and apply at usc.edu/create

Applications are due no later than May 30, 2017. The online application requires submission of a statement of professional interest and a letter of endorsement from the candidate’s employer or government agency. Qualified candidates are admitted on a rolling, space-available basis. Early application is strongly encouraged as space is limited.

2017 Timeline
January 1 ..... Applications Open
May 30 ..... Deadline to Apply

Program Fee
The program fee for the six-day course is $4,000. This fee covers tuition, materials, accommodations and meals (breakfast, lunch and two scheduled dinners). For Washington D.C. area residents not requiring lodging, the fee is $3,500. U.S. military veterans receive a $500 discount, but G.I. Bill funds may not be used for this program. This course is eligible for the use of Homeland Security Grant Programs. State, Local and Tribal Governments may use Homeland Travel, Lodging, Backfill, OT and Per Diem. Security Grant funds to cover the cost of Tuition. USC Viterbi School of Engineering continuing education units are available for this program upon request. They are not degree credits, but may be utilized for career advancement depending upon participants’ agency requirements.

About CREATE
Established in 2004, CREATE is an interdisciplinary national research center based at the University of Southern California in the Price School of Policy and the Viterbi School of Engineering. The Center is focused on risk and economic analysis of terrorism and disasters.