

# Controlled Space Enterprise (CSE)

*Catalyzing innovation today to ensure a more secure tomorrow!*

## Why We're Here

The **Controlled Space Enterprise (CSE)** at **UTEP** addresses the nation's evolving classified research priorities. It provides a secure, high-performance environment engineered for current missions and adaptable to future needs, advancing discovery through trusted collaboration.

## How We Make a Difference

**CSE** provides infrastructure tailored for sensitive research:

- Scalable power systems
- Configurable labs and workspaces with advanced cooling
- Secure data and communications networks
- Environments built to meet compliance standards for Department of Defense (DoD), Department of Energy (DOE), Department of Homeland Security (DHS), and other federal partners

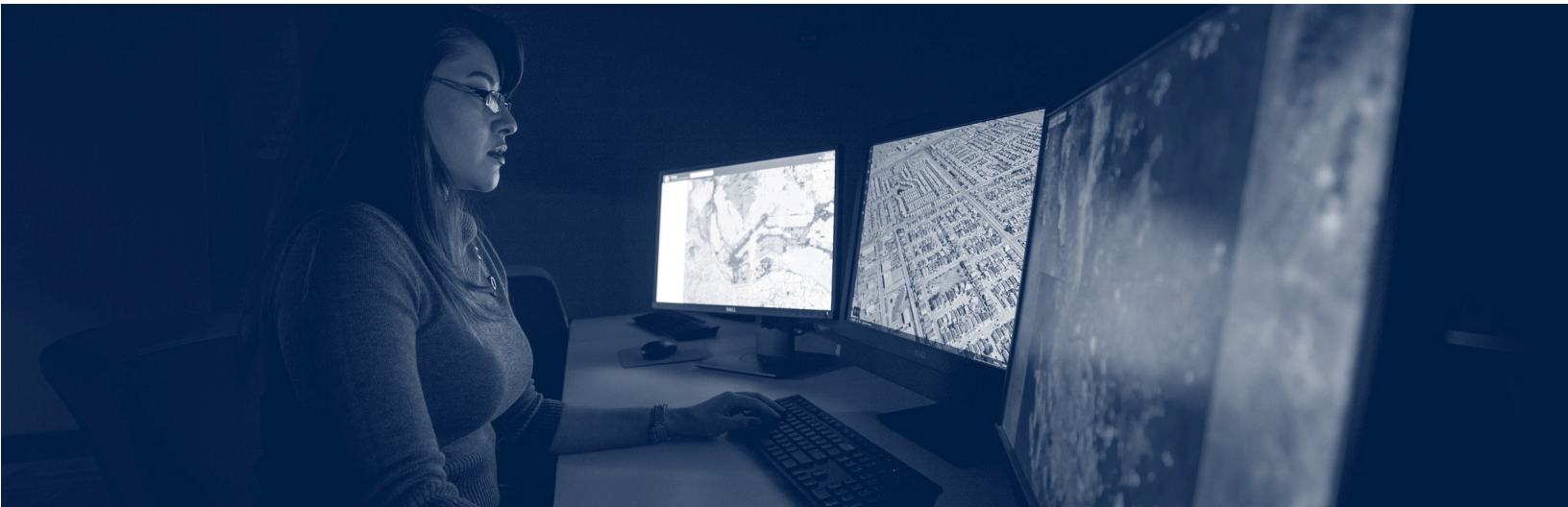
## What We Offer

**CSE** oversees all classified research at **UTEP**. It equips faculty, staff, and students with the facilities, training, and compliance support needed to pursue secure research opportunities. CSE fosters strategic partnerships to align UTEP's research capabilities and student talent to industry demands.

## Understanding Security Clearances

A security clearance is an administrative determination that an individual is eligible to access classified information. The Defense Counterintelligence and Security Agency (DCSA), the federal government's primary investigative service provider, conducts background investigations and reviews personal data to assess trustworthiness and reliability in alignment with national security interests. These investigations encompass positions that require access to classified information and those that involve public trust roles. The U.S. Government fully funds the process. Neither **UTEP** nor the UT System plays a role in determining suitability or adjudicating clearance applications.

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## Levels of Clearance

- **Confidential:** Grants basic access to facilities, systems, or information
- **Secret:** Requires reinvestigation every 10 years
- **Top Secret:** Reserved for roles involving access to highly sensitive information and systems

## Clearance Roadmap

