

**DEFENSE CIVILIAN EMERGING LEADER PROGRAM (DCELP)
STATEMENT OF INTEREST**

The Statement of Interest should not repeat information in the resume, information sheet, or other supplemental materials required for specified program. Rather, it should focus on why you should be selected as a participant in the Defense Civilian Emerging Leader Development Program.

Address, in 500 words or less, the following:

- your strengths and character traits that make you an ideal candidate for the program
- the contributions you will make to support your learning and that of your peers
- how attending the program fits into your professional career development plan
- the return on investment to your Component/organization and to the Department of Defense