# Agenda

**Location:** Georgetown University Hotel and Conference Center, Salon E

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| 1.00p–1:15p| Remarks from the SERC Executive Sponsor  
*Mr. Scott Lucero, Deputy Director, Strategic Initiatives, Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Systems Engineering* |
| 1:15p–2:00p| Overview of the SERC Doctoral Fellows Program  
*Dr. Dinesh Verma, SERC Executive Director and Dean of the School of Systems and Enterprises, Stevens Institute of Technology* |
| 2:00p–2:20p| **Presentations by selected sponsors in the SERC Doctoral Fellows Program**  
The Boeing Company  
*Mr. Mark Burgess, Chief Engineer, Engineering, Operations & Technology* |
| 2:20p–2:40p| Armament Research, Development and Engineering Center (ARDEC) – Picatinny Arsenal  
*Mr. Jeff Dyer, Competency Director, Systems Engineering Directorate* |
| 2:40p–3:00p| The MITRE Corporation  
*Dr. James F. Providakes, Director, Systems Engineering Technical Center* |
| 3:00p–3:30p| Networking Break (Salon B)  
**Presentations by selected SERC Doctoral Fellows** |
| 3:30p–4:00p| *Mr. Robert Pitsko, SERC MITRE Fellow* |
| 4:00p–4:30p| *Mr. Bill Harkness, SERC Boeing Fellow* |
| 4:30p–5:00p| *Mr. Jorge Buenfil, SERC ARDEC Fellow* |
| 5:00p–6:00p| Discussion |
| 6:00p–6:45p| Reception (West Lobby) |
| 6:45p–9:00p| Collaborator Dinner (Salon B) |
On behalf of the Systems Engineering Research Center (SERC) Leadership Team, Georgetown University, and the Georgetown University Hotel and Conference Center, welcome to the 1st Annual SERC Doctoral Fellows Program Forum. This milestone event marks the completion of the first year of operation of the SERC Doctoral Fellows Program.

Launched in 2012, the SERC Doctoral Fellows Program is a natural extension of the SERC's unique research collaboration model. The Program allows doctoral students at participating organizations to access and work in conjunction with SERC Collaborator Universities’ leading systems thinkers as research advisors to study and solve real-world systems engineering problems of critical importance. The SERC Doctoral Fellows Program is open to government and industry participation.

We are honored to begin this half-day Forum with remarks from our Executive Sponsor provided by Ms. Kristen Baldwin, Principal Deputy, Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Systems Engineering. The opening remarks are immediately followed by an overview of the SERC Doctoral Fellows Program and then presentations by esteemed representatives from each of the first three organizations participating in the Doctoral Fellows Program.

The mid-afternoon session begins with presentations by each of the SERC Doctoral Fellows. This is followed by a discussion and question and answer period. We close the Forum with a reception held in the West Lobby.

We are pleased that you have joined us and sincerely hope that you enjoy the Forum.