# Department of Defense Cyber Service Academy (CSA) for 2025





The growth of the Internet and its infusion into nearly every aspect of our life presents a target opportunity for adversaries. It is essential to develop qualified professionals who understand this environment and its opportunities or risks. The Computer Science Department at FSU is an NSA/DHS Center of Excellence in Cyber Defense Education (NCAE-C) and Research (NCAE-R), and stands ready to help build the next generation of cybersecurity professionals.

The DoD is seeking rising junior and senior (third and fourth year) undergraduate and graduate/doctoral students who are interested in full-ride scholarships for concentrated studies in cybersecurity. Students selected for the program will receive full scholarships. This requires the student to agree to serve one year of service to the DoD, upon graduation, for each year of scholarship received, in addition to the internship

An opportunity also exists for scholarship payback through military service. Individuals choosing to enlist or accept a commission to serve on active duty in one of the Military Services shall incur a service obligation of a minimum of 4 years on active duty in that Service upon graduation.

Traditional Guardsmen and Reserve Soldiers are eligible to apply. Scholarship payback for this group is two-years of service for each year of scholarship received.

## Requirements:

Rising college Junior or Senior pursuing a bachelor's degree; or

In their first or second year of a master's degree; or Pursuing doctoral degrees

Must be US citizens, and qualify for security clearance. Must not currently be a DoD or Federal employee (civilian or military).

Must be enrolled (accepted for enrollment) in a full-time program at one of the schools designated by NSA as a NCAE-C. A list of participating schools can be found at: https://www.caecommunity.org/cae-map

Must be pursuing a course of study and/or have a declared major in one of the scientific, technical, or managerial disciplines related to cyber or with a concentration in cybersecurity

As an undergraduate student, must have a 3.2 out of a 4.0 GPA or, as a graduate student, a 3.5 GPA out of 4.0. Must be willing to be mobile and move to the location of their internship/final service obligation.

# **Program Benefits**

- \$29,000 per year for undergraduates and \$34,000 for graduates (Master's/PhD)
  - Full cost of tuition, books, and fees
- Full-time permanent position in components of the
- DoD upon program completion
- Hands-on experience during academic breaks at the DoD components.

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https://www.sait.fsu.edu/scholarships/dod-ias/index.shtml Come to the Workshop: LOV 353, Friday 1/17/2024, 4:45pm

# DoD CYBER SCHOLARSHIP RECRUITMENT PROGRAM

(DoD CySP)









The DoD CySP **recruitment program** provides scholarships to college students (non-DoD civilians) at the undergraduate and graduate levels to study in cyber-related majors at select National Centers of Academic Excellence in Cybersecurity (NCAE-C).

# **PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY**

- Student within the following categories:
  - Undergraduate: (required 3.2 GPA out of 4.0)
    - Second year of associate degree
    - Rising Junior or Senior pursuing a bachelor's degree
  - Graduate: (required 3.5 GPA out of 4.0)
  - Master's
  - PhD/Doctorate
- U.S. citizen able to qualify for a security clearance
- Currently not a full-time, permanent DoD,
  Federal Employee, or Active duty military
- Enrolled in a full-time cyber program at a designated National Center of Academic Excellence in Cybersecurity https://www.caecommunity.org/cae-map)
- Pursuing a course of study and/or have a declared major in one of the scientific, technical, or managerial disciplines related to cyber or have a concentration in cyber.
- Have at least one full academic year remaining in degree program
- Maintain flexibility to move within the continental U.S. to perform internships and final service obligations
- Currently unencumbered to another program with a required service obligation



# **DoD CySP PROVIDES**

- Full tuition and required fees (which may include institutional health care programs)
- Required books from the required institution- or degree-specific book list
- One-time laptop/computer purchase
- Stipend to cover room and board
  - \$22,000 for community college students
  - \$27,000 for undergraduate students
  - \$32,000 for graduate (master's/Ph.D.) students

# WHY DoD CySP

- Provides students the opportunity to learn first-hand and contribute to securing our nation against the threat of information systems and networks
- Affords the opportunity for consideration for full-time employment after graduation and completion of the program
- Receive progressive, hands-on experience through structured internships with select DoD Components during academic breaks



# **MORE INFO**

Learn more at https://www.dodemergingtech.com/cyber-scholarship-program-cysp/

Questions?

 Contact the DoD CySP Program Office at: AskCySP@nsa.gov





# **IMPORTANT DATES**

November 1, 2024

Application process opens

**February 1, 2025** 

Deadline for application submissions

**April 5, 202**5

Final student selection process occurs

**April 26, 2025** 

Final announcement of scholarship offers will occur





