

UofSC is soliciting applications for the

**Department of Defense
Cyber Scholarship (DoD-CySP) Program**

2022 Application

Deadline: February 1, 2022

Aims of the DoD CySP

- Recruitment of new cyber talent and the retention of current highly skilled professionals within the DoD cyber workforce
- Enhancement of the national pipeline for the development of cyber personnel

CySP – Recruitment/Basic Scholarship

Students selected as Cyber Scholars will receive:

- Full cost of tuition, books, and required fees (including health care); and
- Stipend as follows:
 - \$27,000 for undergraduate students
 - \$32,000 for graduate (Master's/PhD) students

CySP Scholarship Obligations

Students selected to participate in the DoD CySP will be **required to**

- **formally accept or decline the scholarship** within 15 days of notification
- **sign a written agreement obligating them to work for the DoD**, as a civilian employee for one calendar year for each year of scholarship assistance;
- **serve in internship positions**, if timing permits, with the selecting DoD organization during the time they are receiving scholarship support until they complete the course of study provided for by the scholarship;
- **complete a security investigation questionnaire to initiate the process for a background investigation** in preparation for their internships, if applicable, and as a condition of future employment with the DoD; and
- **sign an agreement** stating that they will accept assignments requiring travel or change of duty stations as interns or employees.

Student Eligibility

Students must

- Be enrolled as a full-time student at UofSC (note, UofSC is a National Center of Academic Excellence (NCAE) in Cyber Defense Education);
- Be a citizen of the United States at the time of application DoD CySP;
- Be Juniors or Seniors in Fall 2022 or Be enrolled in M.S. or Ph.D. program;
- GPA >3.2 (undergraduate) or GPA > 3.5 (graduate); and
- Be eligible for federal employment and have the ability to obtain a security clearance.

Cybersecurity disciplines

- **Main Program of Study: CS, CE, or CIS Majors with Information Assurance Specialization**
- List of **CSCS cybersecurity courses**:
<https://www.cse.sc.edu/content/security-courses>
- **Related disciplines**: include any classes and training in your application
 - Biometrics, Business Management or Administration, Business Process Analysis, Computer Crime Investigations Computer Engineering, Computer Programming, Computer Science, Computer Systems Analysis Cyber Operations, Cybersecurity, Cybersecurity Policy, Database Administration, Data Management, Data Science, Digital and Multimedia Forensics Electrical Engineering, Electronics Engineering, Information Security (Assurance), Information Systems, Information Technology Acquisition, IT Program/Project Management, Mathematics, Network Management/Operations, Software Engineering, Systems Engineering

How to Apply?

New Recruitment Applications will have until **01 February 2022** to submit their application through the DoD CySP online tool:

<https://www.avuedigitalservices.com/casting/aiportal/control/mainmenu?agency=DDW&portal=CYSP>

Students must provide

- Unofficial transcript;
- Current resume (template provided with the application);
- List of Recognitions, Honors, and Awards;
- Two Letters of Reference (one of them must be from current faculty);
- Supplemental Competency Statement;
- Acknowledgement of the Supplemental Statement of General Academic and Employment Conditions (OF612).

Application Evaluation

NCAE-C school is required by the DoD to participate in the evaluation of the student applications for scholarship assistance under this program.

UofSC NCAE-C Point-of-Contact:

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Awards

Please review the information at the DoD CySP website and start your application as soon as possible.

If you have any questions

- Contact Dr. Farkas at farkas@cse.sc.edu
- Use subject line: DoD Cyber Scholarship Application