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 **CSCE cybersecurity courses**: [https://www.cse.sc.edu/content/security-courses](https://www.cse.sc.edu/content/security-courses)

• **Related disciplines**: include any classes and training in your application
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