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Application Process for NSF Scholarship for Service and Department of Defense Information Assurance Scholarship Program at the University of Alabama in Huntsville

The University of Alabama in Huntsville (UAH) seeks applications for the National Science Foundation (NSF) Scholarship for Service (SFS) and Department of Defense Information Assurance Scholarship Program (IASP). UAH is a National Center of Academic Excellence in Cyber Defense Education and Cyber Defense Research.

- Application Due Date: ***February 1, 2018***

CyberCorps®: *Scholarship for Service (SFS) benefits:*
- Full tuition and fees
- Annual stipend
    - $22,500 for undergraduates
    - $34,000 for Master's degree students PhD students
- Reimbursement for books up to $2,000 per year
- Reimbursement for professional development and travel expense up to $4,000 per year
- Reimbursement for Health Insurance up to $3,000 per year
- Scholarship Duration
    - Two academic years (four semesters) for students in Bachelor and Master level degree programs
    - Three academic years (six semesters) for students in Ph.D. programs

Department of Defense Information Assurance Scholarship Program benefits:
- Full tuition and fees
- Annual stipend
    - $22,500 for undergraduates;
    - $30,000 for Master's degree students PhD students
- Reimbursement for books up to $1,250 per year
- UAH provided laptop computer ($1,500 value)
- Reimbursement for travel expense up to $1,750 per year
- Scholarship Duration
    - Two academic years (four semesters) for students in Bachelor and Master level degree programs
    - Three academic years (six semesters) for students in Ph.D. programs

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All scholarship recipients must work after graduation an approved government position related to cybersecurity for a period equal to the length of the scholarship. In addition, students on scholarship are expected to serve in a government cybersecurity related paid internship during the summer semester. NSF Scholarship for Service recipients are required to participate in a Scholarship for Service exclusive job fair in early January in Washington, DC.

Department of Defense Information Assurance Scholarship Program recipients are paired with a Department of Defense employer at the time of scholarship award and must agree to intern and work for that employer after graduation.

Eligibility for Scholarship. To be eligible to apply for the SFS and IASP scholarships, the applicant must be a full time student with a minimum of a 3.0 GPA (undergraduate students) or 3.2 GPA (graduate student). Eligible majors are listed below.

- BS Computer Engineering, Computer Science, Electrical Engineering, Mathematical Sciences
- BS Business Administration - Information Systems Cybersecurity and Information Assurance Concentration
- MS in Cybersecurity, Computer Engineering, Computer Science, Electrical Engineering, Software Engineering with Cybersecurity Concentration
- PhD in Computer Engineering, Computer Science, Electrical Engineering

The applicant must be a citizen or lawful permanent resident of the United States and meet all requirements for employment in Federal Service. Scholarship offers are contingent upon the student obtaining admission into a qualifying UAH program of study. Students selected for the SFS and IASP programs will be required to sign a service agreement that outlines the obligation to serve in an eligible government position after graduation. Undergraduate students must be entering their junior year of studies. For applicants not already admitted to UAH, any offer of scholarship will be contingent on admission acceptance to UAH in one of the disciplines listed above. Students awarded a scholarship must be enrolled full time at UAH at the Huntsville campus to receive scholarship support.

Application Process. To apply for this scholarship, applicants must submit the following to Dr. Tommy Morris, Director, Center for Cybersecurity Research and Education, c/o Room 324, Student Services Building, The University of Alabama in Huntsville, 301 Sparkman Drive, Huntsville, AL 35899 by the due date. Applications may be mailed or delivered in person. Each application must contain the following:

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- A cover letter that provides the applicant's full name and a statement that the applicant is a citizen or lawful permanent resident of the United States. In addition, the cover letter should describe the applicant's current academic progress (BS, MS, or PhD student) and date of anticipated graduation.
- Official transcripts from all post-secondary institutions attended by the applicant (unofficial UAH transcripts are acceptable for UAH students)[1]
- Official ACT or SAT score for undergraduate applicants (unofficial scores are acceptable for UAH students)[2]
- Official GRE scores for graduate applicants (unofficial scores are acceptable for UAH students)[3]
- Two letters of reference (*professional* contacts preferred, must not be family members)
- A letter from the applicant not to exceed two typewritten, single-spaced, pages that discusses the applicant's motivation for applying, interest in cybersecurity, any past relevant experiences, and future plans. Please include any current or past military service.
- An updated resume
- Completed Applicant Information Sheet (attached)

Selection Process. All applications received by the due date in this document will be reviewed by a scholarship committee. Committee recommendations will be based upon prospective students' likelihood for success in their chosen degree program and predicted success in search for cybersecurity employment at a Federal, State, Local, or Tribal Government organization.

Additional Information. Failure to satisfy the academic requirements of the program or to complete the service requirement will result in forfeiture of the scholarship award, which will revert to a student loan with repayments pro-rated accordingly to reflect partial service completed. The institution is responsible for collecting the repayment amounts, including interest, consistent with the provisions of part B or D of Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965. All forfeited scholarship funds, less grantee costs associated with collection of the repayment not to exceed 5% of the forfeited amount, will be returned to the United States Treasury and may not be re-used by the awardee institution. Scholarship recipients in coordination with the institution and the PI may petition the NSF Program Office to waive or suspend repayment of scholarships in cases of extreme hardship or other circumstances that would preclude the fulfillment of the service obligation.

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[1] Official transcripts will be required from students selected for an SFS scholarship before official award.
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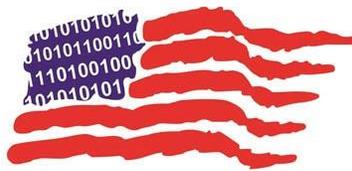
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Questions: A Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) list can be found at the following link.
https://www.sfs.opm.gov/StudFAQ.aspx

Contacts at UAH are:

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College of Business Administration:
      Dr. Jatinder (Jeet) N. D. Gupta, jeet.gupta@uah.edu, (256) 824-6593
College of Engineering:
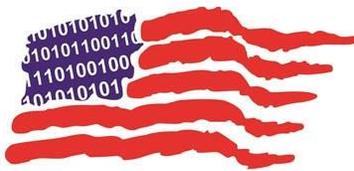   Dr. Seong-Moo (Sam) Yoo, seong-moo.yoo@uah.edu, (256) 824-6858
Director, Center for Cybersecurity Research and Engineering:
      Dr. Tommy Morris, ccre@uah.edu, (256) 824-6576

*Direct all DoD Information Assurance Scholarship Program questions to Tommy Morris.

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Scholarship for Service (SFS) Applicant Information Sheet

Applicant full name	
Home phone number	
Cell phone number	
Email address	
School address	
Permanent address	
Are you a U.S. citizen?	
Are you a lawful permanent resident of the U.S.? (https://www.uscis.gov/tools/glossary/permanent-resident-alien)	
Do you currently have or have you ever had U.S. Security Clearance?	

Complete if you are currently pursuing or have completed an associate degree?

Associate Degrees (complete or in progress)	Institution	
	Degree Name (Associates of Science, Associates of Applied Science, etc.)	
	Major (General Studies, Computer Science, etc.)	
	In progress or completed?	
	When will you (did you) graduate? (Month/Year)	
	Grade Point Average	
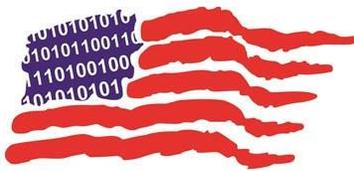
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Complete if you are currently pursuing or have completed a bachelor degree?

Undergraduate Degrees (complete or in progress)	Institution	
	Degree Name (Bachelor of Science, Bachelor of Arts, etc.)	
	Major (Computer Engineering, Computer Science, Information Systems, etc).	
	Minor	
	In progress or completed?	
	When will you (did you) graduate? (Month/Year)	
	Grade Point Average	

Complete if you are currently pursuing or have completed an additional bachelor degree?

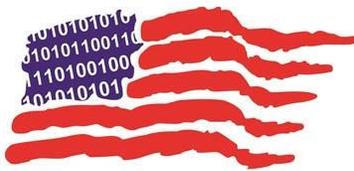|		
Undergraduate Degrees (complete or in progress)	Institution	
	Degree Name (Bachelor of Science, Bachelor of Arts, etc.)	
	Major (Computer Engineering, Computer Science, Information Systems, etc).	
	Minor	
	In progress or completed?	
	When will you (did you) graduate? (Month/Year)	
	Grade Point Average	

Complete if you are currently pursuing or have completed a graduate degree?

Graduate Degrees (complete or in progress)	Institution	
	Degree Name (Master of Science, Doctor of Philosphy, etc.)	
	Major (Computer Engineering, Computer Science, Information Systems, etc).	
	Minor	
	In progress or completed?	
	When will you (did you) graduate? (Month/Year)	
	Grade Point Average	

Complete if you are currently pursuing or have completed an additional graduate degree?

Graduate Degrees (complete or in progress)	Institution	
	Degree Name (Master of Science, Doctor of Philosphy, etc.)	
	Major (Computer Engineering, Computer Science, Information Systems, etc).	
	Minor	
	In progress or completed?	
	When will you (did you) graduate? (Month/Year)	
	Grade Point Average	

Make copies of this page if there is a need to list additional graduate degrees.

Planned Study with Scholarship for Service	Which level of degree do you wish to pursue with scholarship funds? • Bachelor • Master • Ph.D.	
	What discipline? • Computer Engineering • Computer Science • Cybersecurity • Electrical Engineering • Information Systems • Mathematical Science	
	If you plan to pursue the Master of Science in Cybersecurity which track will you choose? (Business, Computer Science, or Engineering)	
	Preferred scholarship start date? (August 2018 or January 2019)	
	Planned graduation date?	
	Have you applied for admission?	
	Have you been accepted?	