Department of Defense Cybersecurity Scholarship Program:

“The Department of Defense (DoD) Information Assurance Scholarship Program (DoD IASP) was established, in accordance with provisions of Chapter 112, “Information Security Scholarship Program,” of title 10, United States Code, added by Public Law 106-398, The National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2001. The purpose of the program is to increase the number of qualified students entering the fields of information assurance, information technology, and cybersecurity to meet the DoD’s increasing dependence on cybersecurity for war fighting and the security of its information infrastructure” (DoD IASP Solicitation)

Undergraduate – full tuition, $25,000 stipend  
Graduate – full tuition, $30,000 stipend

Submit Student Applications to: Dr. Bo Yuan, dod-cysp@rit.edu

To be eligible for the DoD IASP Scholarship you must:

1. You must be 18 years of age or older.
2. You must be a citizen of the United States at the time of application. Note, if family members are not U.S. Citizens, some DoD Agencies may be unable to process the applicant (student) to the security clearance level required. Every effort will be made to assign eligible students at an Agency without such restrictions.
3. You must be enrolled (or accepted for enrollment) in one of the identified CAE colleges or universities listed in this announcement, or enrolled (or accepted for enrollment) at an institution selected by a CAE as a collaborative partner for these purposes.
4. You must have completed (or by August 2018 will have completed) at a minimum the first two years of an undergraduate degree program and be eligible to (a) begin either the third or fourth year of an undergraduate degree program; (b) begin the first or second year of a Master's degree program; or (c) pursue doctoral studies
5. You must be pursuing a course of study and/or have a declared major in one of the scientific, technical, or managerial disciplines related to cybersecurity or with a concentration in cybersecurity

Once in the program:

1. Sign a written agreement obligating you to work for the Department of Defense, as a civilian employee for one calendar year for each year of scholarship assistance
2. Serve in internship positions, if timing permits, with DoD organizations during the time you are receiving scholarship support
3. Agree to a security/background investigation (for internships and future DoD employment). Drug tests or other suitability processing will occur as appropriate.
4. Maintain good academic standing: 3.2 out of 4.0 GPA (undergraduates); 3.5 out of a 4.0 GPA (graduates)

Complete the full student application process including

1. Your resume
2. Two letters of recommendation
3. Statement of honors and awards
4. Knowledge and abilities in Cybersecurity areas
5. Interview with the DoD IASP Review Committee

For more information, contact Dr. Bo Yuan via email at bo.yuan@rit.edu