| | CyberCorps® Scholarship for Service

Rochester Institute of Technology

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Overview. Funded by the National Science Foundation, the CyberCorps® Scholarship for Service (SFS) is a unique program designed to increase and strengthen the cadre of federal information assurance professionals that protect the government's critical information infrastructure. The CyberCorps® scholarships fully fund typical costs incurred by full-time students admitted to the program, including tuition, fees, and a stipend to cover room and board. Upon graduation, the CyberCorps® graduates have a mandatory commitment to work for the government in an information assurance field for the amount of time equal to their scholarship. This governmental obligation can be fulfilled by working in the cybersecurity for the federal, state, local or tribal governments; this list includes, but not limited to, various federal agencies, government branches, as well as federally funded national labs.

CyberCorps® Program at RIT. RIT has been awarded a National Science Foundation grant to prepare "Crosscutting Cybersecurity Scholars," who are talented students enrolled in the BS programs in Computing Security, Computer Science, and Software Engineering, and interested in pursuing an MS degree in Computing Security. The CyberCorps® program will enable students to learn cybersecurity from different perspectives while unifying them by shared experience: common coursework, cohort experiences, monthly seminars, research projects, travel to security conferences and internships (co-ops) with governmental agencies.

Program Eligibility. The CyberCorps® program is open to students enrolled in the three accelerated BS/MS dual degree programs at RIT majoring in **Computing Security**, **Computer Science** and **Software Engineering**. To qualify for the CyberCorps® scholarship, students must apply, qualify for and enroll in the accelerated BS/MS dual degree program in their undergraduate respective major and an MS in CSEC.

Other **eligibility requirements** include all of the following:
- A US citizen or a lawful permanent resident
- GPA of 3.25 or higher
- Completed at least one co-op prior to admission into the CyberCorps® program
- Must be able to obtain an appropriate security clearance. (Please review the federal SF-86, http://www.opm.gov/forms/pdf_fill/SF86.pdf)

Program Benefits:

- Undergraduate Year: full tuition and fees, and $22,500 stipend;
- Graduate Year: full tuition and fees, and $34,000 stipend.
- Book allowance $2000 per year
- Health insurance reimbursement allowance up to $3,000 per year
- Professional development allowance of $4,000 per year for SFS Job Fair and other travel, professional certification, etc.

Ongoing Program Requirements:
- Sign CyberCorps®: Scholarship For Service (SFS) Service Agreement
- Maintain a 3.25 or higher GPA
- Participate in all CyberCorps® cohort activities
- Accept no outside employment without written permission of the RIT CyberCorps® program
- Continued ability to obtain and/or maintain a security clearance
- Apply for, receive, and participate in internships (co-ops) each summer with an approved governmental agency;
- Apply for, receive, and accept a full-time position with an approved governmental agency upon completion of degrees; and complete service at that agency equal to the time funded by the scholarship

How to Apply

Email the following to cybercorps@rit.edu with the subject line "Application to CyberCorps®"

- Submit the completely filled-out application form
- A copy of the student's most current transcript (unofficial transcripts are acceptable)
- A current resume
- Three letters of professional reference (must not be family members), at least one must be an RIT faculty member, and one is a co-op (or other job) supervisor if at least one co-op has been completed. These letters must discuss the student's professional capabilities and what makes the student appropriate candidate for the CyberCorps® scholarship.
- Two letters of personal references (at most one can be from a family member). These letters must discuss the student's personal commitment to serving the nation.
- A letter from the applicant not to exceed two single-spaced letter-sized pages (12 point Times Roman font) 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 or any other government service.

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 NSF Principal Investigator 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.

Frequently Asked Questions
A list can be found at https://www.sfs.opm.gov/StudFAQ.aspx

Points of Contact

Please send all emails to cybercorps@rit.edu and identify your current program (CSEC, CS, SE) in your email.

Website: http://www.rit.edu/gccis/computingsecurity/cybercorps