CyberCorps: Scholarship for Service

Hampton University Graduate Education and Training Scholarships in Information Assurance (HU GETS-IA) Program

Taking applications for Fall 2014 through June 1st!

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Hampton University (HU) is a Historically Black College and University (HBCU) located in Hampton, Virginia that houses an Information Assurance Center (IAC) that is designated as a Center of Academic Excellence in Information Assurance Education (CAE/IAE) by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and National Security Agency (NSA).

Hampton University has received the National Science Foundation (NSF) CyberCorps: Scholarship for Service (SFS) grant (January 2013 – December 2017) that will provide support for students to study in the Master of Science in Information Assurance (MS in IA) program [http://science.hamptonu.edu/compsci/iac/index.cfm](http://science.hamptonu.edu/compsci/iac/index.cfm). Students who choose to major in the MS in IA program at Hampton University may apply this scholarship. Students do not have to be a scholarship recipient to major in the MS in IA program.

The CyberCorps: SFS program is offered by the NSF and co-sponsored by the DHS. Interested Parties may apply through the department of Computer Science (CSC) and must participate in the CyberCorps: SFS program.

BENEFITS OF THE CYBERCORPS: SCHOLARSHIP FOR SERVICE

The scholarship program will support undergraduate students toward the completion of their final year of undergraduate study and two years of the MS in IA program and graduate students for two years of the MS in IA program. Undergraduate students will receive fully paid tuition and fees and a stipend of $20,000 per year. Graduate students will have their tuition and fees paid and receive a stipend of $25,000 per year. Meanwhile, each supported student will be awarded funds to cover health insurance (up to $1,000 per year), books (up to $1,000 per year), and professional development costs (such as travel to the NSF CyberCorps: SFS Job Fair and Symposium, research conferences and cybersecurity skills development, up to $3,000 per year).
## ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

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<td>rising senior in IA, CSC, CIS, or related computing degree</td>
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### Application Package
- application form [http://gradcoll.hamptonu.edu/page/Admission-Requirements](http://gradcoll.hamptonu.edu/page/Admission-Requirements)
- a 500-word essay describing their interest in information assurance, cybersecurity, and career aspirations
- resume
- academic transcript
- two letters of recommendation from faculty or employers describing applicants ability to pursue graduate training in cybersecurity, aptitude, professionalism, motivation, and personal responsibility
- commitment to work for the federal government for two (for 2-year program students) or three years (for 3-year program students) upon completion of the CyberCorps:SFS program
- complete Infragard membership process (free application and background check) [http://www.infragard.com/](http://www.infragard.com/)
- complete CyberCorps: SFS (Scholarship Track) Service Agreement

### Maintaining Scholarship Criteria
- full time student (no outside employment)
- graduated with a minimum of 3.3 GPA on 4.0 scale in their major (once in MS in IA program, graduate student criteria will be applied)
- complete their 20 hours/week research with assigned research advisor
- full time student (no outside employment)
- maintain 3.5 GPA on 4.0 scale
- complete their 20 hours/week research with assigned research advisor
OBLIGATIONS TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

Recipients of the CyberCorps SFS program must:

- complete the degree program successfully and on time
- obtain summer internship with a participating federal agency
- fulfill a one-for-one year commitment post-graduation (students in the two-year program must complete 24 months of working for a federal agency; students in the three-year program must complete 36 months of working for a federal agency)
- attend the annual CyberCorps: SFS Job Fair and Symposium in Washington DC (paid)
- pay back all student support if they can not fulfill their commitment to the federal government.

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