



CyberCorps®: Scholarship for Service

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON TACOMA

A Scholarship for Service Program in Cybersecurity Sponsored by the National Science Foundation

www.tacoma.uw.edu/set/scholarships

Application Deadline-Undergraduate students: August 31, 2021
Application Deadline-Graduate students: April 30, 2021

About the Program

- CyberCorps®: Scholarship for Service is a unique program designed to increase and strengthen the cadre of cybersecurity professionals that protect the government's critical information infrastructure.

Minimum Eligibility Requirements

- Be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident
- Currently enrolled in, or applied for admission/transfer to, Bachelor of Science in Information Technology or Master of Cybersecurity & Leadership at University of Washington Tacoma
- Be within one or two years of graduation
- Have a Cumulative GPA of 3.0 or better
- Meet selection criteria for federal employment, including obtaining a security clearance
- Intent to pursue a cybersecurity doctoral level, and/or to work for the US government.

Minimum Program Requirements

- Be a full-time student
- Maintain a minimum 3.5 GPA while in the program
- Complete a course of study in cybersecurity as approved by the program director. Though there will be some flexibility for individual student interests, most will be required courses.
- Participate in all University of Washington Tacoma CyberCorps® program activities.
- Maintain a lifestyle compatible with government agency requirements to maintain security clearance (e.g. no drugs/felonies, good financial stewardship, etc.).
- Undergraduate students must participate in a summer internship with a government agency as approved by the program director between their first and second year in the program*
- Work for a federal agency in a qualifying position, upon completing academic degree requirements. Length of service depends on length of scholarship support—one year of service for each year of support.

Scholarship Benefits

- Full tuition and academic fees for up to 2 years
- Annual stipend of \$25,000 for undergraduate students and \$34,000 for graduate students; paid over 3 academic quarters for undergraduates and over 4 quarters for graduate students.
- Annual professional allowance of up to \$6,000.

For more information visit: <https://www.sfs.opm.gov/>



To apply visit:
www.tacoma.uw.edu/set
 Submit your application form and all
 documents listed on page 3 to
sfs2021@uw.edu



University of Washington Tacoma CyberCorps Application Form

Undergraduate Applicant

Graduate Applicant:

Last Name:

First Name:

Middle
Initial:

Permanent Address:

E-Mail Address:

City:

State:

Zip Code:

Phone Numbers:

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Home: () -

Mailing Address (if different):

Mobile: () -

City:

State:

Zip Code:

US Citizen:

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Yes: No:

Declared Major (and minor if applicable):

Anticipated Graduation Date:

Anticipated Enrollment Date
(If not currently enrolled in UWT)

Highest SAT Scores: (if any)

Highest ACT Scores (if any)

Highest GRE/GMAT Scores (if any)

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Current and Previous Colleges and Universities Attended (provide transcript from each school):

Name:

Major:

Degree Earned (if any)

Attendance dates:

City:

State:

Zip Code:

GPA:

Overall:

Major:

Name:

Major:

Degree Earned (if any)

Attendance dates:

City:

State:

Zip Code:

GPA:

Overall:

Major:

Note: please type your information into this form, do not write by hand

The following documents must be included with this application:

- **Resume**

Reference any degrees, awards, extra-curricular activities, technical certifications and work experience.

- **Transcript(s)**

Provide transcripts, preferably official, from all colleges and/or universities you have attended.

- **Essays**

Write a single spaced, 550 to 650 word, essay describing your **educational** and **career** objectives. You should include information on any prior related academic and work experience, and discuss the motivations for a cybersecurity career in government. **For graduate students, you should also discuss your interest in pursuing a PhD in cybersecurity after your graduation.**

- **Letters of Recommendation**

Two (2) Letters of Recommendation from people knowledgeable of your potential for successful learning and current knowledge and ability. These should be from a current or former employer or a faculty member who knows you well. Each letter must contain the full name, position or title, telephone number, email address, and institutional or organizational address of the referee. In addition, please request that each referee refer to and address some or all of the following abilities/skills:

- a. Knowledge of the techniques of the information security discipline, including encryption, access control, physical security, training, threat analysis, and authentication.
- b. Knowledge of the human factors in information security, including human computer interaction, design, training, sabotage, human error prevention and identification, personal use policies, and monitoring.
- c. Ability to identify and analyze problems, distinguish between relevant and irrelevant information to make logical decisions, and provide solutions to individual and organizational problems.
- d. Ability to consider and respond appropriately to the needs, feelings, and capabilities of different people in different situations; is tactful, compassionate and sensitive, and treats others with respect.
- e. Ability to make clear and convincing oral presentations to individuals or groups; listens effectively and clarifies information as needed; facilitates an open exchange of ideas and fosters an atmosphere of open communication.

- **Service Agreement Form**

Read and sign the Service Agreement Form, a statement of understanding of program requirements: including the UW Tacoma degree requirements and the post-graduation government service commitments.

Selected potential scholars will be invited for an in-person interview. Those students selected for interviews will be notified via phone or email of the date, time and place of the interview.

For program or application related questions contact:

Dr. Yan Bai, Program Director
DC Grant, Program Coordinator

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CyberCorps®: Scholarship For Service (SFS) (Scholarship Track)

Service Agreement

The CyberCorps®: Scholarship For Service (SFS) Program provides the means for program-approved academic institutions to grant scholarships to students (hereinafter referred to as participants) who agree to pursue a degree in the information assurance fields and serve at an approved Federal, State, local, or tribal Government agency (hereinafter referred to as “participating agency”) in a qualifying position (i.e., a position in the information assurance field) for a period of up to three years upon completing academic degree requirements, depending on the length of the scholarship. This Service Agreement sets forth the participant’s responsibilities.

I. Participant Responsibilities

The SFS scholarship participant agrees to the following:

1. Scholarship Phase:

During the scholarship phase the participant will:

- a) maintain enrollment at a participating college or university on a full-time basis;
- b) maintain good academic standing, as defined by his or her academic institution, in an information assurance program of study;
- c) at the end of the semester (or quarter or trimester, as applicable), submit an official course transcript to the Principal Investigator (PI) at the academic institution, the hiring official at the participating agency making an employment offer to the participant, or to the SFS Program Office, if so requested, listing the courses in which the participant is enrolled and the final grade(s) received;
- d) if the period of scholarship exceeds an academic year, search for and serve an information assurance-related internship of at least 10 weeks at a participating agency;
- e) participate in SFS-sponsored job fairs and all other SFS program activities;
- f) register with the SFS program, complete a participant profile, and create a résumé on-line at www.sfs.opm.gov;
- g) update SFS profile (résumé, job search activity report, and contact information) at least once quarterly;
- h) search for post-graduation employment with a participating agency in an information assurance-related position;
- i) complete periodic surveys as requested by the SFS Program Office; and
- j) respond to all requests from SFS Program Office and PI for information concerning the SFS program and participant status in accordance with guidance provided in the request.

2. Commitment Phase:

Following completion of academic degree requirements, the participant will:

- a. work full time in a qualifying position at a participating agency for a period commensurate with the length of the scholarship or one year, whichever is longer;¹
- b. provide documentation to the SFS Program Office verifying employment;
- c. ensure contact information in SFS profile remains current throughout period of obligation;
- d. complete periodic surveys as requested by the SFS Program Office; and
- e. respond to all requests from SFS Program Office and PI for information concerning the SFS program and participant status in accordance with guidance provided in the request.

3. Monitoring Phase:

Upon completion of the Service Commitment Participants enter the Monitoring Phase. During this phase the Program Office monitors the Participant's employment status and keeps current contact information on Participants. This begins upon completion of the Service Commitment and concludes 8 years after the Service Commitment end date. Participants will be required to:

- a. update contact information when it changes;
- b. complete periodic surveys as requested by SFS Program Office (usually annually).

4. Failure to secure a qualifying position:

If participant has not secured a qualifying position upon graduation, the participant agrees to:

- a. continue to search for employment with a participating agency in a qualifying position;
- b. respond to all requests from SFS Program Office and PI for information concerning the SFS service commitment in accordance with guidance provided in the request; and
- c. continue to update SFS profile (résumé, job search activity report, and contact information) at least once quarterly.

It is expected that the participant enters the commitment phase within 18 months of graduation however an extension may be granted by the SFS Program Office. If the participant has not secured a qualifying position within 18 months of graduation or by the end of the granted extension the participant understands that he/she will be indebted to the Federal Government and may be required to reimburse the SFS Program. Section II-2 addresses exceptions.

II. Participant Reimbursement to the Federal Government

1. A participant who fails to comply with any Program requirement established under this Service Agreement will be indebted to the Federal Government and must immediately reimburse the SFS Program. Failure to promptly reimburse the SFS Program will require that the funds be collected as a debt owed the U.S. Treasury.ⁱⁱ The reimbursable amount will be prorated based on time already served to fulfill the employment obligation following completion of degree requirements.

- a. Failure to fulfill the terms of the program during the scholarship phase occurs for any of the following reasons:
 1. the participant's enrollment is terminated by the academic institution for reasons under the control of the participant (including failure to meet academic or behavioral standards);
 2. any changes to the participant's curriculum or major field of study that are not compatible with the SFS program;
 3. failure to complete academic degree requirements within the scholarship period unless there are mitigating circumstances agreed to by the SFS Program Office;
 4. the participant fails to qualify for internship placement, including obtaining a security clearance if required;

