IUP Cybersecurity Scholarship Program (CySP) Meeting Minutes

August 24, 2022 – 11:10 AM

- Attended by: Dr. Waleed Farag (PI), Dr. Soundararajan Ezekiel, Maria Balega, Zachary Cupp, Zaryn Good, Ethan Buhl, Vincent Emery, Malcolm Holden, Alec Parfitt, Benjamin Reno, Meghan Schilpp, James Searer, Jordan Weir
- Official Grant
    - Has not been awarded yet, but hopefully will come very soon
    - 90-day preapproval for grant
    - No late fees will be charged while waiting for the funds to be received
- Courses
    - Each student except for Ben confirmed that they are taking the originally agreed upon number of credits this semester, Ben will be taking 12cr
    - Any changes in the number of credits this semester must be reported to Dr. Farag as soon as possible as it may affect the scholarship funds
- Textbooks
    - Each student receives $625 for **required** textbooks
    - Accounts have been opened at the bookstore so students can start to purchase textbooks
    - Contact Ms. Breanne Donahue bdonahue@iup.edu and CC Dr. Farag if you have any questions
    - No issues were reported from the students regarding the funds for textbooks
- Additional financial aid
    - Scholarship recipients can receive a maximum of $6000 in additional scholarships/grants
    - The DoD scholarship will be applied first to school fees because it is a full scholarship
    - Other scholarships may be dropped because many are based on financial aid
    - No questions or issues regarding this was reported by students
- Stipend receival
    - Half of the total stipend ($13,500) will be received by the student through the same method that the student would regularly receive any refund from IUP EasyPay
        - This is typically by a check in the mail or direct deposit
    - No questions from students
- Laptop stipend – no grant to start order but turn in specs soon. Up to $1,500
    - Laptop fund is up to $1500
    - Since the grant has not been received, orders cannot be made yet
    - Advised to purchase with stipend money and to be reimbursed up to $1,500
- Health insurance
    - Students have the opportunity for insurance
    - Alec is possibly interested in receiving insurance through the scholarship
    - Everyone else was not interested
- Student Responsibilities
    - Maintain 3.2 GPA or higher
    - Participate in the internship if it is required by your agency
    - Attend monthly meetings

- o Promote CySP and cybersecurity to other students
  - o Participate in cybersecurity/computer science extra curriculars
- Questions regarding scholarship
  - o Always email Dr. Farag first with any questions regarding the scholarship
    - ▪ Any time there are any issues, reach out to Dr. Farag
  - o When emailing questions to the scholarship people, always CC Dr. Farag
  - o When emailing your agency, do not CC Dr. Farag as that work does not involve him directly
- Working – Students are allowed to work up to 20 hours a week and must inform Dr. Farag of that work
- Portfolio
  - o Students must submit a portfolio at end of semester
  - o Maria sent out sample portfolios to all new students for example
- Summer and winter semesters
  - o Please remember that the scholarship covers all your tuition/fees during regular academic semesters (fall and spring).
  - o It does NOT cover costs of courses taken in other sessions (such as summer and winter).
  - o If you consider taking any courses outside the academic semester, you MUST consult with Dr.Farag first.
- Peer mentoring
  - o Maria - Malcolm, Alec, Ben, and James
  - o Zaryn - Jordan and Vincent
  - o Zachary - Meghan and Ethan
  - o Try to assist other students
- All students said they understood this Renewal is based off the student's performance and a recommendation letter from Dr. Farag
- Dr.Farag and Dr.Ezekeil need students to help with GenCyber Sept 10th, Email Dr.Ezekeil so that they can start the hiring process

QUESTIONS:

Alec - Does the scholarship need to be reported on taxes

Answer: Needs to be reported, but should Consult tax professional

Malcom - Regarding textbooks, what happens with remaining money

Answer: allow you to purchase a EReader and can be reimbursed with any remaining money

Alec - When does Cyber Club Start

Answer: Tuesday, Sept. 6th at 5:30pm in Stright 107A

The next meeting will be held Sept 21st, 11:10 Am on Zoom