

DoD: Cybersecurity Scholarship Program (CySP)

Meeting's Agenda on August 24, 2022

Announcements:

1. Congratulations to all the selected scholarship recipients: Maria, Zachary, Zaryn, Ethan, Vincent, Malcolm, Jordan, Meghan, Alec, James and Benjamin.
2. We are seeking a volunteer to record minutes from meetings.
3. I would like to thank all NEW students for attending the required boot camp in Gulf Port, MS last July.
4. Official grant has NOT been awarded yet as of today, 8/24/2022, but do NOT worry. We were promised to get a 90-day pre-award authorization which I do expect that IUP will receive soon.
5. Over the past few weeks, the grant PI, Dr. Farag, have met and collaborated with several offices at IUP, to ensure that all scholarship recipients receive ALL the scholarship benefits in spite, of the fact that, the grant is in the pipeline, and we haven't received it yet.
 - We have already established cost centers for the grant (in preparation for the official receipt of the fully executed grant).
 - I will submit your tuition/fees waiver, as soon as possible but do not worry because I contacted FA and other IUP offices to ensure that there will be NO late fees on delayed tuition/fees payment for you.
 - The waiver form will be based on the following figures and every recipient must confirm them with me during this meeting. Maria 15 cr, Zaryn 12 cr, Zachary 12 cr, Ethan 12 cr, Vincent 15 cr, Malcolm 15 cr, Alec 14 cr, Ben 15 cr, Meghan 17 cr, James 15 cr, and Jordan 14 cr.
 - The PI will hold soon a grant kick-off meeting with representatives from the IUP Research Institute (RI) and the Grant Accounting, once we receive the grant.
 - I have worked with the IUP bookstore to create special accounts for you. Below are the instructions on how to obtain your textbooks. Each of you should have a semester-based allowance of \$625 for required textbooks. If you still have questions about textbooks ordering, **please contact Ms. Breanne Donahue bdonahue@iup.edu directly.**
 - Students should go to our store (Coop) website www.iupstore.com and order their books online. They need to go through the textbook ordering process and then select "house account" as their payment type. Their credit balance will then be used to allow for purchase.
 - You may also stop by the bookstore and let them know that you are a recipient of the DoD CySP Scholarship.

- We had many discussions regarding financial aid to make sure that all of you receive your complete scholarship benefits. In summary:
 - All of you should receive complete DoD Scholarship benefits.
 - You may be able to also receive other supports up to a max of \$6,000 annually in addition to all of your scholarship benefits.
 - **If you still have any questions about your Financial Aid (FA)/other scholarships/awards, please contact IUP FA office.**
- I will create the DoD CySP scholarship on Next Gen System and assign \$13,500 to each student for each semester, once the grant is officially received.
- Each **NEW** student needs to work on identifying the desired specs for his/her laptop/PC. Please email me a link to your choice for approval. Once the grant will be awarded, I will ask each new student to go ahead and purchase your machine and you will be reimbursed for up-to \$1,500.
- You might be eligible for health insurance coverage. Is anyone interested?

Students' Responsibilities:

1. Maintain your eligibility throughout the AY 2022-23. GPA above 3.2, on-time graduation, not accepting additional scholarships/awards in excess of \$6,000, etc. Please refer to the project website at www.iup.edu/DoDScholarship for the complete list of scholarship rules and requirements.
2. Participate in the DoD internship (if requested).
3. You might be able to work provided that all the following conditions are satisfied:
 - The number of work hours does not exceed 20 hours per week.
 - Work will not impact your academic study and plan for on-time graduation.
 - Inform the PI and commit to fulfill IUP scholarship program requirements such as being involved in basic research, peer-mentoring, promoting the program, and other activities, see below.
4. Peer-mentoring. In order to help new students know more about the program and get the experience from returning students, please note the following assignments that are mainly based on your DoD agency.
 - Maria will be the peer-mentor for Malcolm, Alec, Ben and James.
 - Zaryn will be the peer-mentor for Jordan and Vincent
 - Zachary will be the peer-mentor for Meghan and Ethan
5. You **MUST** abide with the project requirements listed below:
 - A. Attend **ALL** monthly meetings and respond promptly to all email correspondences and/or requested information from the project PI, and funding agency.
 - B. Promote the CySP & cybersecurity among other students, in our department.

- C. Participate in extracurricular activities, such as, Cybersecurity Club, cyber competitions, IUP Cybersecurity Day (Oct. 18), etc.
- D. Update the PI and Co-PI with grades, progress, and any outstanding issues that might affect your academic performance.
- E. Work with the project PI's on the assigned cybersecurity research projects, peer-mentoring activities and/or other assigned tasks intended to enhance the CySP at IUP.
- F. Submit a portfolio of your involvement in cybersecurity-related activities. This portfolio needs to have documentation of activities, such as, club meetings, colloquia, workshops, conferences, etc. These portfolios will be reviewed and assessed. *Are there any returning student who is willing to share her/his portfolio with newer students?*

Renewal:

It will be mainly based on your performance in this program, recommendation letter from the PI, and fulfillment of the obligations listed above.

Next Meeting Time??

Questions??