

# DoD: Cybersecurity Scholarship Program (CySP)

## Meeting's Agenda on February 2, 2024

### *Minutes Approval*

- Approval of the minutes of the last meeting held Nov. 10, 2023.

### *Announcements:*

- As announced during our last meeting, a new proposal for the 2024-25 CySP was released and all of you were notified back in November 2023.
- Thanks to those of you who helped recruit promising candidates to the IUP CySP.
- **All six CySP returning students, please confirm that you submitted your renewal application via AVUE tool by the Feb. 1<sup>st</sup> deadline. The grant PI reminded all returning students with the following and also sent an email reminder on Jan. 22.**
  - Part of your application is a required Letter of Support (LoS) that will be written by me. *So, please email me ASAP your updated resume so I can complete this letter.*
  - I will email you the signed LoS by the end of this month.
  - Please remember that the deadline is Feb. 1.
  - *You will be using the same tool you used last year, make sure you have access to it and start your application ASAP.*
  - Complete info and instructions on how to apply can be found on our project website at [www.iup.edu/DoDScholarship](http://www.iup.edu/DoDScholarship)
- **The other SEVEN graduating students, please confirm that ALL your graduation requirements will be fulfilled this semester, and you will be able to graduate this May.**
- *All students, please confirm the exact # of credits you registered for this spring and confirm that no changes to these figures will happen.* Dr. Farag will then submit scholarship tuition waiver forms for all students to the Bursar's Office. Credits should be reflected on your Easy Pay accounts once these forms are processed.
- As announced before, you should be able to use the created IUP bookstore accounts at the Co-op for Spring 2024 required textbooks up to your \$625 allowance.
- After about one month into the spring, these accounts will be closed so that we can assess if the leftover balance for each one may be used to buy an eReader. We will discuss updates at the next meeting.
- The PI has used the Next Gen System (IUP scholarship management system) to assign a \$13,500 stipend to each one of you in Spring 2024. Please confirm the receipt of your spring stipend.

### ***Discussions:***

- For returning students, any questions regarding your submitted returning applications??
- Letters of support for returning students who sent Dr. Farag, the program director, their resumes were emailed to each student well before the application deadline.
- Updates on participation in the Cybersecurity club and other Cybersecurity related activities.
- Forming our Cyber Team to participate in the spring 2024 CAE NE Hackathon. Site, <https://www.ncaecybergames.org/>. We need CySP students to take the lead in this effort as has been the case in the past. Please coordinate with Meghan, CS Club president, and keep Dr. Farag posted.
- As a reminder, given input from the CySP PM regarding eligibility to receive other FA in addition to your CySP financial package, IUP FA has ruled that because the CySP financial package far exceeds IUP Cost of Attendance (COA), IUP CySP students are NOT eligible to receive additional FA.

### ***Students' Responsibilities:***

- As a kind reminder, all student awardees need to maintain their eligibility throughout the AY 2023-24 including GPA, on-time graduation, etc. Check the project website at [www.iup.edu/DoDScholarship](http://www.iup.edu/DoDScholarship) for a complete list of eligibility criteria.
- Awardees are also reminded that they need to abide with all project requirements including attending all monthly meetings, respond promptly to all emails, promote the scholarship and cybersecurity programs across IUP, participate in extracurricular activities such as Cyber Security Club and cybersecurity events, update the PI and Co-PI with grades, progress, and any outstanding issues, work with the project PIs on the assigned research project and produce a technical report, and maintain an up-to-date portfolio of cybersecurity-related activities.
- **Student performance:** please be aware that each year a comprehensive report outlining the performance of each CySP recipient and her/his contribution to the program is authored by the PI and submitted to the funding agency. Any questions??
- I have not yet received Cybersecurity Portfolios from 10 of you. You need to email me your portfolio no later than **March 1, 2024 at 4 PM**.

### ***Students' Reports:***

- Any outstanding issues that might affect your academic performance or graduation plans. Also, please report on your portfolio and contributions to the program.

***Next Meeting: March 18, 2024 at 11:15 AM, all confirm availability***

***Questions??***