

DoD: Cybersecurity Scholarship Program (CySP)

Meeting's Agenda on October 14, 2020

Minutes Approval

- Approval of minutes of the last meeting held 9/4/2020, see attached minutes file.

Announcements:

- Scholarship tuition waiver forms for all nine students have been processed by the Bursar's Office.
- All nine students have been using their Coop Accounts to buy their academic books this semester. Any additional books need to be purchased as soon as possible.
- Scholarship stipends on Next Gen System (\$12,500 to each student for each semester) were processed on 9/15/2020 when the grant was officially received. All students should have received stipends around the time of disbursement.
- Grant staff requested and received approval for Pre-Award Cost Approval.
- All five NEW students have communicated to the PI, Dr. Farag, the specs and quotes for their desired laptops. These requests were approved by the PI, and immediately forwarded to the IUP purchase office. Below are the most recent updates regarding the status of these Purchase Orders (POs).
 - Computers for Dylan and Edward are available at the Department office and ready to be picked up, see attachment #1 email sent by our secretary with additional details.
 - Nicholas laptop is expected to be delivered between Oct. 21-28, 2020.
 - Jacob laptop is expected to be delivered around Oct. 30, 2020.
 - Cassandra laptop is expected to be delivered around Nov. 16, 2020.
- There are two upcoming cybersecurity (virtual) events at IUP and **all CySP recipients are strongly encouraged and expected to participate in both events:**
 - The 13th annual Cybersecurity Day on Oct. 20th. Website is <https://www.iup.edu/cybersecurity/activities/cyber-security-ia-day/>. Helpers need recruited to assist in event management, more details to come.
 - The 5th annual Cybersecurity Seminar on Nov. 5th at the KCAC. Website <https://www.iup.edu/extended/events/cyber-security-seminar/>
- **Health Insurance Coverage.** We have been working for over a month with various offices at IUP to come up with a process on how this benefit can be handled, see the details in attachment #2, an email from Ms. Lowery of the IUP Research Institute for details. **Every recipient needs to officially opt in or out of this benefit in this meeting. Responses to be recorded by Eddie.**

- CySP recipients may work during the school year provided that all the following conditions are satisfied:
 - The total # of work hours are less than 20 per week.
 - Work will not impact your academic studies and plan for on-time graduation.
 - Students are committed to fulfill IUP scholarship program requirements including involvement in basic research, peer-mentoring activities, and/or other activities.

Discussion on Promoting the CySP program at IUP:

- Every CySP recipient is expected to continue to promote the program and participate at satisfactory levels on various selected and/or assigned activities to achieve this goal.
- So far, Cassandra is helping with the CAE research project, Eddie is helping with recording minutes, Nicholas and Dylan are helping with the online system for the Nov. 5th event.
- Opportunities for all CySP students include:
 - Signing up to help/monitor the six Zoom sessions of the CSD on Oct. 20. **Interested students please sign up as soon as possible.**
 - Actively participating and playing leading roles in the Cybersecurity Club.
 - Participating in Cyber Competition and/or Hackathon. Although the signing up for the DoE Cyberforce competition deadline was Oct. 2, we can still have a chance to volunteer as red/blue team, please see details at <https://cyberforcecompetition.com/volunteers/>.
 - Dr. Farag will explore if there will be a CAE Hackathon in this academic year similar to the event held last fall.
 - Involvement in research projects with project Co-PIs.
 - Actively participating in the peer-mentoring program. **Program reports requested.**
 - Continue or start participating in research projects with the Co-PIs. Status report from last year (Rodney, Kaishia, Brooklyn, and Tim) and new participants?

Students' Reports:

- All recipients need to provide a report on the following: academic progress, outstanding issues that might affect your academic performance, and cybersecurity portfolio.

Renewal:

- It will be mainly based on your performance in this program, fulfillment of the obligations discussed before, and recommendation letter by the PI, see also agenda of last meeting.

Next meeting is scheduled on Wednesday, Nov. 18 at 5 PM.

Questions??

**Attachment #1: Email from our secretary sent on 10/14/2020
regarding computer availability**

Hello Dylan and Edward,

The laptops that you ordered have arrived. I have them in my office. I will be in the office from 1-4 today and 7:30-11:30 on Friday morning if you would like to pick them up.

Thank you.

~ Becky

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Attachment #2: Email from Ms. Lowery of the IUP RI sent on 9/25/2020 regarding the detailed Process for requesting Health Insurance Coverage

Hi Waleed,

The student will need to investigate insurance options that meet their need. The Healthcare.gov website is what was used to get a quote for cost of coverage at pre-award time and would be a place to start. The plan we used in the proposal was the Mid-Range Plan UPMC Advantage Silver Plan \$343/month. Availability and costs of plans may have changed between proposal time and now.

Once the student has found a plan that meets their needs and secures coverage we can reimburse them for up to \$343/month for no more than 12 months, but reimbursement for insurance coverage is limited to their time as a participant in the program. For example: if they graduate in May 2021, the insurance coverage that will be reimbursed cannot extend past May 2021.

I have confirmed with Grants and Special Funds Accounting that we will handle this reimbursement process in a similar manner as we do the CoOp Books for these participants. Below is my understanding of the process:

1. Participant secures suitable health care coverage (maximum reimbursable amount of \$343 per month, \$4,116 per year). End date of coverage to be reimbursed cannot be beyond their participation in the grant program.
2. Student submits a reimbursement request to Accounts Payable.
3. Accounts Payable processes the reimbursement request.

Tim McCroskey can answer any additional questions about the reimbursement process that you or the student may have.

Take care,
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