

Towson University  
CySP  
Information Session

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# Agenda

- Introduction
- Application requirements and process
- Q&As.

# Application Availability

**Nov 01**

Application Deadline (Tentative)

**Feb 01**

# Online Application Tool

[public.cyber.mil/dcysp/](https://public.cyber.mil/dcysp/)

# Timeline

February

Deadline

May

Notifications

August

CySP starts

# What is CySP?

- To support the recruitment of new *cyber talent* and the retention of current *highly skilled professionals* within the DoD cyber workforce.
- To enhance the national pipeline for the development of cyber personnel by providing grants to institutions of higher education.

# Benefits

- Full coverage of tuition, health insurance mandatory fees
- \$1,250 yearly book allowance
- \$1,500 one-time laptop purchase



# Benefits

- \$27,000 yearly stipend (undergraduate)
- \$32,000 yearly stipend (graduate)
- **Job guarantee**
  - Work for the DOD/NSA Agency

# Obligations

- Summer Internship

- Hourly payment

- Job employment

- Join a DoD/NSA agency with competitive salary and promotion (obligation)
- Must work for the agency the same number of years receiving the scholarship.

# Eligibility

- Juniors / Seniors
  - Sophomores promoting to a Junior in Fall are eligible to apply
- Graduate students (MS or D.Sc.)
- Cyber-Security/Operations focus (preferred)

# CySP Statistics

Year	New Students	Returning Students
2019	1	NA
2020	2	1
2021	6	2
2022	3	7
2023	2	7
2024	<b>You</b>	TBD

# Requirements

- US citizenship
- Good academic standing
  - GPA 3.2+ (undergrad), 3.3+ (grad)
- Meet criteria for *Federal employment*
  - Obtain a *Security clearance*

# Requirements

- **A strong commitment & responsibility**
  - Work for the DoD after graduation
  - Back-out results in repayment of all scholarship money

# New Student Application

## Online Application Tool

<https://www.avuedigitalservices.com/casting/aiportal/control/mainmenu?agency=DDW&portal=CYSP>

Item	Title
a	DoD New Student Application
b	Official Transcripts (TU and prior institutions)
c	Resume (use template)
d	Awards and Recognitions (optional)
e	Letters of recommendation
f	Statement of Competency

# Application Requirements (1/3)

- Letters of recommendation
  - (Tentative) Obtain & upload letters to the online tool.
  - Should be specific and detail.
  - Request them ASAP



# Application Requirements (2/3)

- Transcripts
  - Official electronic transcripts recommended.
  - Digitally signed and verified by the issuers.
  - Request them ASAP

# Application Requirements (3/3)

- Statement of purpose / competency
  - Be honest, respectful.
  - Be passionate and confident.
  - Proof-read and revise your statements.

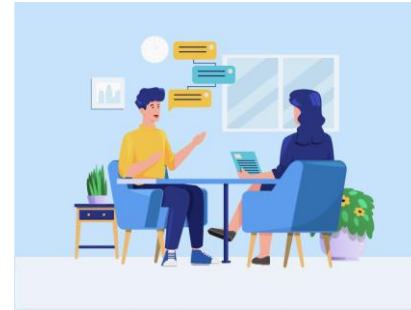
# The Review Process



1. Application Pool



2. Complete Applications



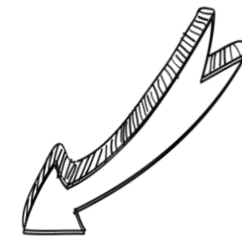
3. Interview with PIs



4. Applicant Recommendations



5. Grant submission



# Important Notes (1/2)

- We **DO NOT** select scholarship recipients
  - We only recommend them to the DoD
- The DoD agencies will solely make their selections
  - Awardees will be contacted by the sponsoring agencies
- We are the Point-of-contact at TU
  - Answer your academic questions or concerns

# Important Notes (2/2)

- The PIs will be in close contact with the applicants regarding incomplete application materials
  - We will email/call you (multiple times) if necessary.
  - Don't hate us :(

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# Resources

- Principle Investigators

- Dr. Nam Nguyen (npnguyen@towson.edu)
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- TU's CySP webpage: [tinyurl.com/TUCySP](https://tinyurl.com/TUCySP)

- DoD/NSA's CySP: <https://public.cyber.mil/dcysp/>

Q&As

