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DoD Cyber Scholarship Pays:

1. Cyber Scholars will receive the full cost of tuition,
2. Books (from the institution/degree specific required book list, not books which are optional for the class),
3. Required fees (including health care), and
4. Stipend to cover room and board. The stipend levels are \$25,000 for undergraduate students and \$30,000 for graduate (Master's/PhD) students.
5. Awards will be made via a grant to the CAE.
6. Students with disability may receive additional allowances. There are no allowances for dependents.

Eligibility:

1. Juniors, Seniors pursuing a bachelor's degree (Sophomore's promoting to a Junior in Fall 2021 are eligible to apply)
2. Students in their first or second year of a master's degree; or Students pursuing doctoral degrees.
3. U.S. citizens and are at least 18 years of age
4. Federally employable (please see the following paragraph about the background check)
5. Undergraduate scholarship recipients will be required to maintain a 3.2 out of 4.0 grade point average or the equivalent,
6. Graduate students will be required to maintain an overall 3.5 out of a 4.0 grade point average, or equivalent.
7. Failure to maintain satisfactory academic progress will constitute grounds for termination of financial assistance and termination of internship and/or employment appointment.
8. Additionally, students who fail to complete the degree program satisfactorily or to fulfill the service commitment upon graduation shall be required to reimburse the United States, in whole or in part, the cost of the financial (scholarship) assistance provided to them.
9. CAEs will be responsible for monitoring student progress and will notify the DoD CySP Program Manager should any student scholar fail to attain minimum academic standards required for continuing scholarship support.

Student Obligations:

1. Sign a written agreement obligating you to work for the Department of Defense, as a civilian employee for one calendar year for each year of scholarship assistance
2. Serve in internship positions with DoD organizations during the summer time, when you are receiving scholarship support
3. Agree to a security/background investigation (please see below).
4. Maintain grades of 3.2 or better for undergraduates and 3.5 or better for the graduate students (out of a 4.0 GPA)

Application Process:

1. Send an email to Dr. Heydari (heydarmh@jmu.edu) and indicate your interest.
2. Attend the info session on Zoom for January 26th. I will send you the invitation shortly after I receive your email.
3. Submit your complete application to Dr. Heydari, by February 5th. We will make arrangement for delivery.
4. You must submit an Official transcript and 2 letters of recommendations. Ask for these right away, since they will take some time.
5. Submit your resume

Background Check & ...

Students will be required to complete a security investigation questionnaire to initiate the process for a background investigation in preparation for their internships, if applicable, and as a condition of future employment with the DoD. Drug tests or other suitability processing will occur as appropriate. Students will also be required to sign an agreement stating that they will accept assignments requiring travel or change of duty stations as interns or employees. Individuals who voluntarily terminate employment during intern appointments or before the end of the period of obligated service required by the terms of Chapter 112, title 10, United States Code, will be required to refund the United States, in whole or in part, the cost of the educational assistance provided to them. Web pages have been provided in the Application Background and Application Package for review about security clearances to assist both the PIs and the students in understanding these requirements before they apply.

I'll send you a copy of the solicitation and application, once I receive your email.