The DoD CySP is designed to encourage the recruitment of the nation’s top cyber talent who have skills necessary to meet DoD’s cyber requirements and help secure our nation against threats of information systems and networks.

This program provides scholarships to students in pursuit of cyber-related degree at National Centers of Academic Excellence (CAE) in Cyber Education such as Kennesaw State University.

**Recruitment Scholarships:** KSU students who are pursuing an undergraduate or graduate program of study in cyber disciplines are open to be considered for up to two years of financial support to complete a degree. Students must reapply for each year of funding; funding returning students is the first priority of program. Students will typically complete a funded internship in the summer between academic years.

- **Service Obligation:** Upon graduation, scholarship recipients commence their payback period. Recruitment payback is one year for every year or partial year of scholarship.
- **Application process:** Students must be U.S. citizens, and must qualify for a security clearance. Student must apply and be nominated through the CAE they attend.
- **Student Selection:** DoD Agencies participate in a review panel and select students based on the mission needs and goals of their agency. Students are selected for the scholarship when a DoD Agency agrees to hire upon graduation.
- **Highlights for recruitment:** Student is nominated by CAE; If selected by a DoD Agency, the student receives a scholarship & a job in the selection letter. The student will be hired by the DoD Agency after graduation.

**Scholarship Provides:**
- Full cost of tuition, books, and required fees.
- Full cost for health care & stipend to cover room & board (*recruitment only*).
- Potential travel for degree specific degree events.
- Receive support from CAE.

**Scholarship Limitations:**
- No cap on per year tuition amount.
- 5 year max on tuition support.

For complete instructions, please browse to cyberinstitute.kennesaw.edu and select the DoD Cyber Scholarships link at the left.

Students falling into one of the following categories may apply:

- Juniors or Seniors pursuing a bachelor’s degree  
  (Sophomore's promoting to a Junior in Fall 2019 are eligible to apply)
- Students in their first or second year of a master's degree; or
- Students pursuing doctoral degrees.

If you are an undergraduate student, you must maintain an overall 3.2 out of a 4.0 grade point average (or an analogous rank based on a comparable scale) in order to receive financial assistance (a scholarship) under the CySP. If you are a graduate student, you must maintain an overall 3.5 out of a 4.0 (or an analogous rank based on a comparable scale) in order to receive financial assistance (a scholarship).

The deadline for submissions at Kennesaw State is **February 20, 2020 at midnight**. Please read and completely follow all of the instructions at the KSU Cyber Institute Website.