

The National Security Agency (NSA) and Department of Defense's Office of Small Business Program (OSBP) in partnership with the Maryland Innovation & Security Institute (MISI) and the GBC MISI Academy seek applicants for a 6-week paid internship program designed for college seniors from Minority Serving Institutions about to enter the technical workforce. The MISI Academy Centers of Academic Excellence in Cybersecurity (CAE-C) Program seeks out students who are self-motivated, dedicated to solving challenging problems, and have a passion for cyber. The Program is virtual and runs March 8, 2021, through April 16, 2021. Up to 20 students will be selected for this opportunity.

The MISI Academy CAE Program runs Monday through Friday, with live and asynchronous events, hands on and self-paced learning. Participants are expected to complete 15 hours a week and will be paid to participate at \$25/hour for six weeks. We understand that participants will already be enrolled in their spring term courses and will be unavailable during those times. The Program will strive to schedule live sessions between the hours of noon and 5:00 pm (Eastern Standard Time) to allow for geographic separation. Participants are expected to have a reliable internet connection and computer with audio and camera capabilities sufficient for participation in virtual meetings.

Participants in the Program will receive hands-on experience at the MISI Academy with access to a cyber range and technical skills training content partners that include Elastic, Cybrary, AWS, Nozomi Networks, Dragos, and numerous others. This rich library of on demand and live technical cyber skills training enhances the internship with real-world hands-on experiences. Interns will also work on diverse assignments related to Defense Industrial Base (DIB) cyber challenges and will have the opportunity to work with mentors to provide cybersecurity planning assistance to small businesses participating in the OSBP.

Completed applications are due no later than February 12, 2021 at 3:00 p.m. Eastern Time for consideration. Applications must be submitted via the site: <https://www.misiacademy.tech>. Questions about the application process can be sent to [applications@misiacademy.tech](mailto:applications@misiacademy.tech). Students will apply for this cybership using the same application used for the CEDI program, but all students in this session will be from designated NCAE-C HBCUs/MSIs.

Candidates will be notified by email NLT 19 February if they are selected for an interview. Interviews will be conducted via Zoom. Selections will be notified by 1 March; if selected, applicants will need to immediately complete the background check required for the CMMC; details found here: <https://www.cmmcab.org/background-check>.

**Successful completion of the background check and verification of U.S. citizenship are required** for participation in the Program. The cost of the background check is paid for or reimbursed by the MISI Academy.

### **Application Details**

1. To apply to the MISI Academy CEDI Program students must:
  - Be a current senior (at least 90 earned credits) enrolled at least half-time in a Historically Black College or University (HBCU) or Minority Serving Institution (MSI) that is designated as a CAE-CD or CAE-CO by the National Security Agency Center of Academic Excellence in Cybersecurity or is enrolled as a Candidate for those designations.
  - Have a minimum 2.5 cumulative GPA and be in good academic standing.

- Applicants are required to have completed a minimum of nine credit hours in the subjects listed below. The application must include a transcript or official grade report for each course with a minimum 'C' (2.0) grade in each.
    - Cybersecurity Fundamentals (or equivalent)
    - Network Administration/Security
    - Applications Security
    - Information Assurance
    - Data Communications (or equivalent)
    - Database Security
    - Computer and Network Forensics (or equivalent)
    - A recent certification (within 2 years) from an industry recognized cybersecurity professional trade organization (e.g., EC-Council, CompTIA, (ISC)2) may substitute for a course.
  - Be a US Citizen.
  - Be able to pass a background check.
  - Have strong moral character, good communication skills, and a demonstrated interest in a cybersecurity career field through successful course work, internships, after school programs, clubs, professional organizations, independent learning, or other cyber related activities.
2. Completed applications will consist of:
- Cover Letter
  - Resume
  - Transcript: electronic version (PDF or JPEG) of an official or unofficial transcript. If unable to obtain transcripts, please send in report cards capturing all semesters of enrollment and highlighting courses required for this program.
  - List of Spring 2021 registered courses with dates and times indicated. Include course registration number and section or professor/instructor contact information.
3. Preference will be given to:
- Students with more than the minimum nine credit hours listed above.
  - Applicants with minimal conflicts during the hours of 12:00 and 5:00 pm EST.