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Cynthia Irvine, Director of the Naval Postgraduate School's Center for Information Assurance Studies and Research announced today "with the nation now mobilizing Information Technology specialists, we are offering a unique opportunity for qualified students to acquire a fully paid computer science Masters degree specializing in cyber defense followed by federal service as a member of The U.S. Cyber Service Corps.

These Scholarships will be offered as part of the Masters Program in Computer Science and Professor Irvine continued, "It is clear that in these troubled times the need for talented individuals with very special skills in information security is greater than ever thus we now need students who want to study a very dynamic field and be part of that unique group serving our country."

The Center is reaching out to civilians who are college graduates, would like to serve, and are willing to undertake this specialized education. Graduates will be obligated to give back to their country two years of service as a computer and network security expert at any of a number of Federal Government agencies."

The two-year scholarship program will provide for tuition as well as a stipend for living expenses for ten students annually. Students will also participate in full-time, paid summer internships within the Federal Government. between the first and second year. Candidates are expected to have

an undergraduate degree in computer science or computer engineering.

"We want to have students who can begin in our Winter Quarter, which starts in early January and are accepting applications now," said Irvine. A second group of applicants will be considered in June for the Fall program which will start in October 2002. The Center maintains a web page at cizr.nps.navy.mil/main/programs/scholarship.htm and application forms are available online.

The Center for Information Assurance Studies and Research (CISR), is the nation's preeminent educational facility focusing on computer and network security for the military and government. Ten years ago, the school began offering specialized courses in computer security with hundreds of students enrolling annually

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