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U.S. Cyber Service Scholarships Offered

The Naval Postgraduate School is offering full-ride scholarships for information technology specialists who wish to earn a computer science masters degree specializing in cyber defense.

The scholarship program, sponsored by the National Science Foundation (NSF), is open to civilians who will study alongside military officers at the Monterey university.

The scholarships cover tuition and books and provide a $30,000 stipend for living allowances. Recipients of the scholarships agree to serve for two years in the newly established U.S. Cyber Service Corps following completion of their masters' degree.

"These scholarships will be offered as part of the masters program in computer science," noted Cynthia Irvine, director of the Naval Postgraduate School's Center for Information Assurance Studies and Research (CISR). "It is clear that in these 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."

Candidates are expected to have an undergraduate degree in computer science or computer engineering, Irvine said. In addition to their course work, students selected for the new program, which was established by NSF under a competitive grant process earlier this year, will participate in full-time, paid summer internships within the Federal Government.

The NPS Center for Information Assurance Studies and Research is the nation's preeminent educational facility focusing on computer and network security for the military and government.

Candidates for the scholarship program can obtain additional details and application forms from the Center's web site at http://cisr.nps.navy.mil/main/programs/scholarship.htm.

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