Department of Homeland Security
Secretary’s Honors Program
Cyber Student Volunteer Initiative

Overview
The Secretary’s Honors Program (SHP) Cyber Student Volunteer Initiative (CSVI) provides students pursuing cybersecurity-related degrees with an opportunity to work with top Department of Homeland Security (DHS) cybersecurity professionals, while learning about the unique cybersecurity missions of the department. By offering temporary, hands-on experience to current students, DHS hopes to make a meaningful impact on the education of the Nation’s next generation of cybersecurity talent.

Why Become a Student Volunteer?
As a Cyber Student Volunteer, you will be able to:
• Explore exciting cybersecurity career opportunities, including those available in public service
• Apply concepts, protocols, and tools acquired through coursework by assisting cyber experts in the real world
• Build technical experience in key areas such as digital forensics, network diagnostics and incident response
• Network with cybersecurity professionals through mentoring and professional development events from cyber threats

Student Volunteer Assignments
• More than 40 DHS office locations across the Nation
• 12-16 week assignments (May–September) with a possibility of extension
• Flexible start dates and schedules
• Possibility to receive course credit from your institution
• Professional development events with cybersecurity and human capital experts

Participating DHS Components
• Immigration and Customs Enforcement
• Office of Intelligence and Analysis
• Office of the Chief Information Officer
• Office of Policy/Cyber, Infrastructure and Resilience Policy
• National Protection and Programs Directorate
• Transportation Security Administration
• U.S. Coast Guard
• U.S. Customs and Border Protection

Examples of Student Volunteer Activities
• Assisting with hardware and software updates to forensic systems
• Assisting with network monitoring and incident response
• Observing computer forensics analyses and their use in investigations
• Assisting with evidence intake, processing and analysis
• Producing or developing unclassified documents that describe and analyze cyber threats
• Researching cybersecurity tools and techniques
• Researching the impacts of cyber incidents on critical infrastructure

Eligibility Requirements
• U.S. citizenship
• Current enrollment at least part-time in 2- or 4-year college or university
• Seeking an undergraduate or graduate degree in 1) science, technology, engineering, or mathematics (STEM); 2) cybersecurity-related studies; or 3) an alternative field but possess an interest in possible future work in cybersecurity
• Grade Point Average 3.0 on a 4.0-point scale
• Ability to successfully complete a background investigation

How to Apply
• Applications are being accepted via USAJOBS https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/425296700.
• For more information, contact the DHS CyberSkills Management Support Initiative (CMSI) at CMSI@hq.dhs.gov