**Applications sought for major SFS cybersecurity scholarships to UMBC**

Applications due April 15 for SFS scholarships in cybersecurity (tuition + $31,000-$40,000 per year).

The next application deadline for SFS cyber defense scholarships to UMBC is 12 noon Friday April 15, 2019, for possible scholarships beginning fall 2019. See [www.cisa.umbc.edu](http://www.cisa.umbc.edu/) for details and application forms.

These major scholarships include tuition, generous stipend, and more, in return for government employment. Applicants must have at least junior status in fall 2019.  BS, MS, MPS, PhD in any cyber-related field may apply (CS, CE, EE, IS, Cyber, and possibly others).   SFS applicants must be citizens or lawful permanent residents capable of obtaining a secret clearance at federal, state, local, or tribal government. The annual stipends are $25,000 undergraduate and $34,000 graduate; in addition, each scholar will receive $6000 per year in professional development funds.

These scholarships are highly competitive (e.g., the median GPA of current SFS scholars at UMBC

is 3.8) and favor students who have excelled in upper-level technical courses and who have demonstrated a passion and talent for cybersecurity through relevant accomplishments. We will consider applications from rising juniors and above with GPA over 3.0. All SFS scholars at UMBC are expected to engage in cohort and research activities.

**SFS FAQ**

<https://www.sfs.opm.gov/StudFAQ.aspx>

We are in the first year of our 5-year, $5 million NSF grant, which will support 34 students.

Interested students should contact me.

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Created in 2001, CISA is UMBC's original and most active cybersecurity research center. Because of CISA, NSA and DHS have recognized UMBC as a National Center of Academic Excellence in Cyber defense Research and Education (CAE-R, CAE).  It is currently supported by several grants from NSA and NSF, including research grants for protocol analysis, developing a concept inventory for cybersecurity, and cybersecurity education.