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

Overview
The Secretary’s Honors Program Cyber Student Volunteer Initiative 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

2015 Student Volunteer Assignments
• Available in over 50 office locations across the Nation
• 12 - 16 week assignments (May - September 2015) with a possibility of extension
• Flexible start dates and schedules
• Possibility to receive course credit from your institution

Participating DHS Components
• Immigration and Customs Enforcement
• Office of Intelligence and Analysis
• Office of the Chief Information Officer
• National Protection and Programs Directorate
• Transportation Security Administration
• U.S. Coast Guard
• U.S. Customs and Border Protection
• U.S. Secret Service

Examples of Student Volunteer Activities
• Assisting with hardware and software updates to forensic systems
• Assisting with network monitoring and incident response
• Conducting vulnerability scans
• Observing computer forensics analyses and their use in investigations
• Performing evidence intake, processing and analysis
• Produce unclassified documents describing and analyzing cyber threats
• Researching cybersecurity tools and techniques
• Researching the impacts of cyber incidents on critical infrastructure

Eligibility Requirements
• U.S. citizenship
• Seeking an undergraduate 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
• Projected graduation date of September 2015 or later
• Grade Point Average 3.0 on a 4.0-point scale
• Ability to successfully complete a background investigation

How to Apply
• Applications will be accepted starting November 24, 2014 via USAJOBS
• The announcement can be found at https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/386746100