

National CyberWatch Center Academic Institution Membership Agreement



The **National CyberWatch Center**, funded by the National Science Foundation (NSF), is a consortium of higher education institutions, public and private schools, businesses, and government agencies focused on building and maintaining a stronger Information Security workforce. Members are critical to the growth and strength of the consortium in that they provide advice, effective practices, curricula, course modules, along with support and leadership for National CyberWatch Center programs and activities, and advocate for National CyberWatch Center initiatives to the broader community. The overarching mission of the center is to engage its membership and through them, drive the national conversation on cybersecurity education and workforce development.

The **Academic institutional Membership** program of the National CyberWatch Center is designed around the following objectives:

- **To support** the national imperative for developing cyber-educated professionals by providing educational, networking, and collaborative opportunities for faculty and their institutions,
- **To foster** research among the membership by providing software platforms, data, and applications that support collaboration, and
- **To assist** in the collection of data that can be used by all member schools as they create their cybersecurity organizational strategic plans

Engagement Opportunities:

The following opportunities for engagement (“benefits”) are available to all academic institutions and registered full and part-time faculty:

- Receive monthly ***National CyberWatch Communicator*** (e-Newsletter)
- Zero-cost option to post requests via the ***National CyberWatch Communicator***(e.g., position openings, requests for collaborators on grant proposals, upcoming events)
- **CyberWatch West (CWW)** - Option for no-charge joint membership
- **Webinars** - No-charge access to National CyberWatch Center-sponsored webinars
- **Marketing** – Use our social medial channels to market your institution’s or program’s events
- **Consulting Services:** Access to consulting services (e.g. cybersecurity program development, faculty-led workshops/train-the-trainer events, curriculum design, grant development, leadership coaching)
- Access to **National CyberWatch Center Library** materials
- **Partnerships and Collaboration opportunities:** Members received preferred partnerships in National CyberWatch Center collaborative grants, research, publications, and presentation opportunities at national conferences
- **Curriculum Standards Panel** – Members are eligible to request participation in National CyberWatch Center Standards Panels and other committees
- **Innovations in Cybersecurity Education** –Members are encouraged to participate in the annual search for good ideas and novel approaches in teaching cybersecurity. Awards are made at the annual 3CS gathering. For more information, access <https://www.nationalcyberwatch.org/innovations/>
- **National CyberWatch Center Digital Press** - Promotion of member-authored books, white papers and research studies published
- **Student Resume Program:** In support of your program’s students, faculty will have the authorization to invite all students within six months of program completion, to submit their resumes to National CyberWatch Center’s designated repository



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- **Member/Program Spotlight:** This inclusion in the monthly e-newsletter (i.e., National CyberWatch Communicator) gives your faculty or program national exposure to your innovations and achievements.
- **Collaboration Platform:** Member schools have the option of requesting private forum, blog space, and cohort email privileges on our collaboration platform at <https://nationalcyberwatchcenter.wildapricot.org/>. When the collaboration platform will be included in a grant application, authorization for that support can be obtained from the National CyberWatch Center by contacting Executive Director, Casey O'Brien.

NEW THIS YEAR:

- **Opportunity to be a reviewer for annual "Innovations in Cybersecurity Education" submissions.** Registration will open in late February for this important role. More information will be available on the CyberWatch website.
- **Team discounts – Mid-Atlantic Collegiate Cyber Defense Competition (CCDC).** All National CyberWatch member schools in the Mid-Atlantic CCDC Region are eligible for a registration discount. See MACCDC registration materials for additional information
- **Discounts and offers from partner Cyber & STEAM Global Innovation Alliance (CSTGIA)** www.cstgia.org. Members of the National CyberWatch Center will have access to the Alliance's special member and event discounts and offers.

NOTE: Member benefits will be updated annually and distributed to all members.

Member Obligations:

While few, the following member obligations assist NCC with assuring the validity of their member data, and encourage member participation:

- **Annual update of faculty representative information.** This includes verifying such information as continued employment at your institution, preferred email address and phone, academic degrees held, and national credentials awarded.
- **Annual update of member information.** The primary faculty contact listed in this agreement will be responsible for renewing the institution's membership, updating the institutional information, and verifying the faculty listed under this institution's academic membership plan.
- **Participation in flash surveys.** By assisting colleagues with your response to these time-sensitive surveys, you will be actively participating in building our "community of practice" and adding to its value for all members.
- **Protection of National CyberWatch Center copyrights, materials and logos.** National CyberWatch Center makes available a Brand Guideline document that guides all internal, external, partner, alliance and member usage of the National CyberWatch Center brand, logo, name and/or identity. It should guide all print, production and digital design efforts.

Through its signed authorization form, your institution has agreed to both receive the member benefits and respond to the member obligations annually.