

TRAINING PROGRAMS

WiCyS SANS Executive Cybersecurity Exercise Program

WiCyS/Fortinet Networking Fundamentals Bootcamp

→ Security Training Scholarship

Cyber Defense Challenge Made Possible By Target

ISC2 Certified In Cybersecurity Certification

WICYS SECURITY TRAINING SCHOLARSHIP

In partnership with the SANS Institute, WiCyS is proud to offer the Security Training Scholarship made possible by WiCyS Tier 1 Partners and Premier Supporters.

Applications Are Closed



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AT&T Cybersecurity



Carnegie Mellon University
Software Engineering Institute



DeVry University



The WiCyS Security Training Scholarship made possible by WiCyS Tier 1 Partners and Premier Supporters is a multi-staged scholarship opportunity for WiCyS members. Those selected will participate in a reliable pathway to launch and advance in their cybersecurity careers through skills development. The focus of this scholarship is to award WiCyS members who are seeking cybersecurity employment within the next 1.5 years. The program is designed for students and/or career changers!

Build and leverage the power of community. During each stage of the scholarship, a cohort is established with mentors and peers to help guide and support recipients. This powerful network will be there through every step of the scholarship experience to lean in on. The collective strength of all involved is priceless.

Graduates of the program will be ready to pursue careers in cybersecurity!

All WiCyS members, over age 18, are invited to apply. This training program is composed of multiple stages. Each stage has specific criteria. Throughout the program, continuation to the next stage is based on performance in the previous stage and application data.

What Makes this Program Unique:

- Finds hidden cybersecurity talent
- Elevates those with aptitude, grit, and determination
- Empowers all participants with real-world skills they can continue to build upon
- Changes lives by enabling final-stage participants to start cybersecurity jobs in less than a year of completion
- Provides direct impact on the cybersecurity workforce by launching careers
- Builds on the powerful diversity of thought and increases DEI in cybersecurity
- If your company/organization is interested in being a premier supporter of the Security Training Scholarship, please fill out the form at the link below:

BECOME A PREMIER SUPPORTER



Stage 1: SANS Beginner-level CTF

All eligible applicants will be invited to participate in the SANS Beginner-level CTF. This beginner-level CTF is a fun and exciting way to practice cybersecurity skills in a friendly environment. This multi-disciplined Capture the Flag system has over 28 content packs and a variety of engaging challenges for participants to discover their strengths while challenging their limits. If new to cybersecurity, Beginner-level CTF is a great place to start as it teaches while challenges are being solved with an integrated hint system.

At the end of Stage 1: 250 candidates will advance to Stage 2

Next Stage/Stage 2 Selection Criteria:

- Application essay
- Performance and Engagement in SANS Beginner-level CTF
- Community engagement in the cohort

Stage 2: CyberStart Game



Stage 3: CyberGEN.IQ Assessment



Stage 4: SEC275/Foundations + GFACT



Stage 5: Course 2 (SEC401/GSEC) and Course 3 (SEC504/GCIH)



2023 – 2024 COHORT TIMELINE

August 1: Launch Webinar [Watch the Recording Here](#)

August 2: Applications Open

August 30 at 11:59 pm CT: Applications Close (*late applications will not be accepted*)

September 1 by 5 pm CT: Notifications for Stage 1 Acceptance Distributed

September 8-10: SANS Beginner-level CTF

September 14 by 5pm CT: Notifications for Stage 2 Acceptance Distributed

September 18: CyberStart Game Starts

November 20: CyberStart Game Ends

December 1 by 5 pm CT: Notifications for Stage 3 Acceptance Distributed

December 4-9: Stage 4 Application and CyberGen IQ

December 18 by 5 pm CT: Notifications for Stage 4 Acceptance and WiCyS Conference Scholarship Awards

January 8: Stage 4-SEC275/ SANS Foundations Begins

April 14: Stage 4-SEC275/SANS Foundations Ends

April 11-13: WiCyS Conference

April 15: Stage 5 -First Course Begins

July 14: Stage 5 – First Course Ends

July 15: Stage 5 – Second Course Begins

October 13: Stage 5 – Second Course Ends

WiCyS Security Training Scholarship Program MEDIA:

Read News Release [HERE](#):

[Women in Cybersecurity \(WiCyS\) Announces 4th Annual Security Training Scholarship](#)

[2020-2021 Security Training Scholarship Highlights](#) 

[2021-2022 Security Training Scholarship Highlights](#) 

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SUCCESS STORIES

Anna Rawles completed her WiCyS Security Training program with certifications in GFACT, GSEC, and GCIH. Before her admittance to the scholarship, she worked in bioinformatics, analyzing data sets. After attending the WiCyS meeting in Cleveland, she secured an interview and offer with Southwest Airlines as a Associate Technology Analyst. She worked closely with SANS Career Services in preparation for the conference.

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Merina Witz has been working as an IT Spe Public Department of Instruction for the pa accepted to the WiCyS Security Training sch her GIAC certifications in GFACT, GSEC, and of her training, she applied for an internal j successfully interview and impressed them and received a promotion to IAM Architect. Career Services on her mock interview.



Lauren Gutierrez

"The WiCyS Security Training Scholarship experience has been unlike anything I have experienced in my life. I have gained an incredible support system, and access to hundreds of resources, and have the honor of taking classes with SANS, the most respected cyber training program in the world. I am a mom to two children and a former Kindergarten teacher who made the bold decision to move into cybersecurity. This opportunity has given me a clear path forward to enter the field with confidence knowing that I will not be on this journey alone."



Andrea Chavez

"This one-of-a-kind experie not only gain new Cybersec but also gain the most beau friendships I never thought very blessed and forever tha SANS, Google, Meta, Bloom Newmark Philanthropies fo opportunity and I highly en to apply."



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