



Club Sponsorship

Rochester Institute of Technology

What is RITSEC?

RITSEC is a 501(c)(3) student organization that operates through Rochester Institute of Technology. We are dedicated to upholding "Security Through Community" by educating and preparing RIT students for the field of computing security. We believe security is for anyone who wants to learn and center our activities around multiple aspects of security; this includes team-based competitions, hands-on training, student-run research, and sponsor talks. Our security exercises cover a wide variety of areas in cybersecurity, including fundamental topics such as proficiency with Linux and Windows operating systems, competition offense and defense, web security, and networking services, as well as specialized areas like penetration testing, social engineering, reverse engineering, and much more. We also host multiple security competitions every year, giving our students the opportunity to train in simulated attack scenarios. These hands-on experiences provide students with real-world, practical skills they can directly apply during internships and full-time roles in the industry. We strive to stay involved with the larger security community and our alumni at conferences, from B-Sides Rochester to ShmooCon, WiCyS, DEF CON and BlackHat.

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Section 1

Sponsorship

1.1 Sponsorship Tiers

Tier	Amount	Term
Educational	Non-Monetary	Full Year
Silver	\$1,000+	One Semester
Gold	\$2,000+	One Semester
Platinum	\$5,000+	Full Year
Diamond	\$10,000+	Full Year
Titanium	\$20,000+	Full Year

RITSEC	Silver \$1,000+ One Semester	Gold \$2,000+ One Semester	Platinum \$5,000+ Full Year	Diamond \$10,000+ Full Year	Titanium \$20,000+ Full Year
Events - Get a booth and network at these events					
Career Fair Eve	🔓	🔓	🔓	🔓	🔓
IRSeC		🔓	🔓	🔓	🔓
ISTS		🔓	🔓	🔓	🔓
Sponsor Event				🔓	🔓
Perks - Get some fancy perks with your sponsorship					
RITSEC Newsletter	🔓	🔓	🔓	🔓	🔓
Company Logo	🔓	🔓	🔓	🔓	🔓
Club Talks	🔓	🔓	🔓	🔓	🔓
Competition Inject	🔓	🔓	🔓	🔓	🔓
Speak at IG/IP		🔓	🔓	🔓	🔓
IRSeC Tech Talk		🔓	🔓	🔓	🔓
Add CTF Challenge to ISTS			🔓	🔓	🔓
Create Your Own CTF Challenge		(2)	(2)	(3)	(4)
Keynote Presentation				🔓	🔓
Send an Item for IRSeC/ISTS Swag Bag				🔓	🔓
Send an ISTS Red Teamer				🔓	🔓
Send an IRSeC Red Teamer					🔓
Sponsor a Mentorship Group					🔓
Logo on Research Swag					🔓
CTF Keynote Presentation					🔓
All sponsors will be notified of any changes to these benefits.					

1.2 Non-Monetary Sponsorship Benefits

Educational sponsors support the club through non-monetary contributions. These can include guest presentations, donations or discounts of company certification exams, subscriptions, and more. Educational sponsors are assigned to the monetary tier corresponding to donation value. Regardless of value, educational sponsors are entitled to the following benefits: Virtual Career Fair Eve, RITSEC Newsletter, Company Logo, and Club Talks.

1.3 Monetary Sponsorship Benefits

All sponsorship tiers come with all preceding benefits. For example, Titanium tier is also able to sponsor a mentorship or interest group, though it is only explicitly written in Diamond tier. More information is freely available upon request for any of the benefits at each sponsorship tier, and if you believe you don't fit well into a given sponsorship tier or want a benefit not listed we are often happy to accommodate and would love for you to reach out with any questions.

TITANIUM

\$20,000.00

Logo on All Research Swag

Our students are awarded for their research presentations or articles and receive prizes such as water bottles, clothing, USB sticks, and more. With this tier of sponsorship, your logo will be placed on all rewards students receive!

Present at RITSEC Global CTF Keynote

Each year, RITSEC hosts a globally available Capture the Flag (CTF) competition that consistently attracts hundreds of teams and thousands of competitors. At this tier, you'll have the opportunity to address participants with a message or speech during the event's kickoff.

DIAMOND

\$10,000.00

Sponsor Event

Once a year, Diamond-level sponsors are invited to host an exclusive event for RITSEC members. This event can take many forms, ranging from a CTF or penetration testing competition to a private recruiting session. The format is entirely up to the sponsor, and all facility reservations at RIT will be managed by the RITSEC executive board.

Participate in IRSeC Red Team

At this tier, sponsors are invited to join the Red Team for IRSeC, RITSEC's internal security competition. It's a great way to engage with students in a fun, hands-on environment while showcasing your team's skills. Since all participants are typically underclassmen seeking internships, it's also an easy and effective way to connect with promising early talent.

Sponsor a Mentorship Group

The RITSEC Mentorship Program runs each semester and centers around small, student-led teams that work on hands-on, project-based learning focused on specific areas of cybersecurity. As a Diamond sponsor, you'll have the opportunity to sponsor a mentorship group aligned with your organization's focus. This includes the ability to suggest topics, provide presenters, and build meaningful connections with students in focused, interactive setting.

PLATINUM

\$5,000.00

Participate in ISTS Red Team

ISTS (Information Security Talent Search) is RITSEC's premier invite-only cybersecurity competition, bringing together top student teams from across the country. As a Platinum sponsor, you'll have the opportunity to send representatives to join the Red Team of industry professionals, engage directly with participants, and connect with students involved in both competition and infrastructure roles. Many competitors go on to apply for roles with sponsors they meet during the event.

Company Table at IRSeC and ISTS

As a platinum sponsor, you are eligible to request a table outside the competition room at all of our competitions, to present on your company or its open positions throughout the day. With built in breaks to the competition, there will often be promising students seeking opportunities that will come to your table and speak with you, excited to hear about what there is being offered.

Career or Company Table at IRSeC/ISTS

As a platinum sponsor, you are eligible to request a table outside the competition room at all of our competitions, to present on your company or its open positions throughout the day. With built in breaks to the competition, there will often be students seeking opportunities that will come to your table and speak with you, excited to hear about what there is being offered.

GOLD

Add CTF Challenge to ISTS (Spring)

As a part of our ISTS competition, competitors from schools all across the nation compete in a multi-faceted Red vs. Blue completion, with elements including a Capture the Flag portion. Your company would be given the opportunity to author your own challenge where teams will be incentivized to complete for points towards their overall score.

Speak at an Interest Group

As a part of our mission to provide club members with preparedness in various fields within the cybersecurity industry, we host Interest Groups. These groups meet weekly and discuss contemporary topics led by students that have professional experience. As a gold sponsor you will be afforded the chance to speak at one of these Interest Groups to help educate and get your message across to students with passion to pursue these fields as a career.

SILVER

Career Fair Eve

Every semester the night before the larger RIT career fair, RITSEC hosts a sponsor-only career fair event. All sponsors are invited and encouraged to set up a recruiting table at the event. You can read more in **1.4 Career Fair Eve**.

RITSEC Newsletter

Get a club newsletter every semester to stay updated on all club events and any interesting research club members are working on.

Competition Inject

During IRSeC and ISTS, they have scored business items called injects. These injects can range from adding users to creating firewall rules and all require a report to be graded. With this benefit, your company can create one of these injects and submit at least a month before the competition.

Swag bag items at IRSeC/ISTS

At all of our competitions, we give a goodie bag to participants containing stickers, clothing apparel, pens, and other branded merchandise. Being a platinum sponsor will allow you to submit any products you would like added to a swag bag. Stickers are typically a great success, as many students enjoy collecting them and adding them to their laptops or computer cases.

\$2,000.00

IRSeC Tech Talk (Fall)

Since IRSeC is a beginner-friendly competition and targeted toward first and second year club members, the club hosts training to prepare students for the competition. These trainings cover topics like Windows, Linux, and FreeBSD (pfSense) and as a gold sponsor, your company is welcome to help with these trainings. Additionally, your company can decide to add any additional topics that relate to the competition.

Network at IRSeC (Fall) / ISTS (Spring)

As a gold sponsor, much like our platinum sponsors, you are eligible to request a table outside the competition room at one of our competitions (IRSeC in the fall, or ISTS in the spring). You will be able to present on your company or its open positions throughout the day. With built in breaks to the competition, there will be promising students seeking opportunities that will come to your table and speak with you, excited to hear about what there is being offered.

\$1,000.00

Club Talks

During the club's general meeting every Friday, there is a 2 hour time period labeled "Research" where members, PhD students, and sponsors present on any meaningful cybersecurity topic they would like. These talks are live streamed and recorded for club members to view online at any time.

Company Logo

Get your company logo on the RITSEC website and any club-distributed event shirts. Currently, ISTS and IRSeC distribute these shirts.

1.4 Career Fair Eve

During both fall and spring semesters, RITSEC hosts a member-exclusive career fair with all club sponsors the Monday and Tuesday before the RIT career fair. The Monday event is hosted on Zoom for all sponsors who can not attend the Tuesday club career fair in person. The Tuesday event is hosted in the Global Cybersecurity Institute conference rooms, where each sponsor receives a table for recruitment.

This event is beneficial to sponsors because the RIT co-op requirement drives students toward a focus on hands-on experience with vulnerability research, cloud computing, incident response, red teaming, teamwork, and project management. Club members receive this experience specifically from working with club assets and attending events funded by our sponsors, ultimately creating the highest quality applicants.

Sponsors receive early access to club member submitted resumes and nearly 200 in-person security specific attendees before the larger career fair.



Career Fair Eve Fall 2024

Section 2

Competitions

2.1 Incident Response Security Competition (IRSeC)

IRSeC is our beginner-friendly competition that focuses on the basics of network defense and incident response. The environment exposes competitors to technologies commonly found in industry, while giving them the opportunity to learn. They will be asked to keep business critical services up and available. Competitors will also be asked to complete various assignments and tasks, called injects, which are similar to day-to-day business tasks. While handling these aspects, the student-led RITSEC Red Team attacks the competing teams to simulate threat actors. The competition is designed to teach the fundamental concepts of incident response in a fun, hands-on manner.

Sponsors of tiers Gold and up are encouraged to set up booths at IRSeC and recruit RIT security professionals.



Mid-Competition IRSeC 2024

2.2 RITSEC CTF

The RITSEC CTF (Capture the Flag) is a Jeopardy-style competition hosted online for sixty hours in the late spring. Participation is open to teams internationally. The CTF generally focuses on binary exploitation, reverse engineering, cryptography, forensics, programming, and web security challenges. We welcome all skill levels!

2.3 Information Security Talent Search (ISTS)

ISTS is an annual three-day competition hosted in the early spring at RIT. Every year, competitors from RIT and 17 colleges around the country are faced with a wide variety of challenges which are designed to cover many facets of the security industry. This includes defensive and offensive capabilities, system administration, software security, networking, programming, and much more! Challenges and activities include a thematic physically security game, Capture the Flag (CTF), King-of-the-Hill (KoTH), policy writing, incident response, and code review. They must do this all while defending a completely student-built infrastructure. Many collegiate teams are invited back from previous years but there is now an opportunity for new teams to compete in a qualifier to earn a spot at ISTS.

Sponsors of tiers Gold and up are encouraged to set up booths at ISTS and recruit young security professionals.



Group Photo ISTS 2025

Section 3

General Meetings

3.1 Education

The first half of our weekly meetings (from 12pm - 1pm ET) are for Education where a student or guest speaker gives an hour long presentation where they introduce a security related topic. The speaker is typically well-versed in the topic and provides a unique perspective on the subject. These subjects can range from Blue Teaming topics such as *Intro to Linux* and *Intro to Windows* to more in-depth topics such as *Binary Exploitation/Reversing* and *Wireless/Hardware Security*.



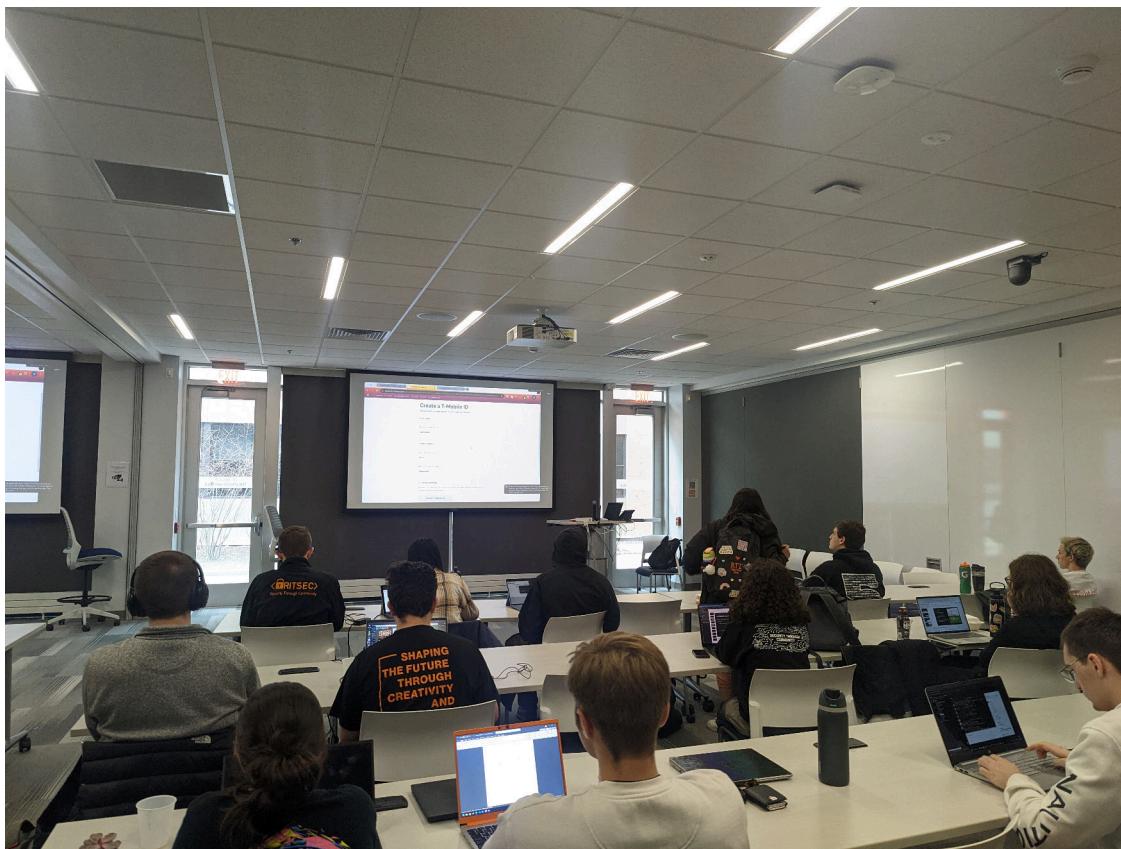
Education Fall 2024

3.2 Demos

Weekly demonstrations (demos) are the members' chance to get hands-on experience learning the education topic from that week. They operate like a year-long capture the flag (CTF) competition for members where 5 new challenges are added every Friday. The demos are split into three tiers: easy, medium, and hard. Easy demos can be solved by listening to the week's Education topic, while hard demos involve research and ingenuity to solve. This structure is set up to reinforce research, critical-thinking, and problem-solving skills.

3.3 Research

Many of our members work on personal projects and security research during the academic year. RITSEC's Research section—the second portion of our weekly meeting (2pm - 4pm ET)—is where members present their research. There are usually three or four presenters each week. This section allows for club discourse and helps get other members interested in doing projects outside of class. We also offer grants for our members, allowing them to request funding for paid services. This helps our members create amazing presentations!



Industry Presenter from BugCrowd during Research Spring 2025

Section 4

Competition Teams

4.1 Collegiate Cyber Defense Competition (CCDC) Team

The CCDC team participates in a competition that simulates real-world cybersecurity scenarios. As a blue team, their role is to manage and defend the IT infrastructure of a mock business, working to maintain critical service availability, respond to business needs, and identify and remediate live cyberattacks from a professional red team.

As part of their recruitment efforts, the team holds weekly tryout sessions each fall semester to educate aspiring members and identify new talent. Tryouts conclude with a "CCDC Mini Comp" run by club members to evaluate cyber defense skills in potential new team members. Open to all students in RITSEC, this competition is a great opportunity to gain experience and sharpen blue team skills.

Our team has placed top 3 in the Northeast region for the past 5 years.



NECCDC Regionals 2025

4.2 Collegiate Penetration Testing Team (CPTC)

The club's premier penetration testing team. The students that compete on our CPTC team learn known vulnerabilities in Active Directory, Windows, and Linux and how to exploit them. In competitions, these students break into competition architecture that simulates enterprise ecosystems as well as write comprehensive remediation and compliance reports.

Our team won the global competition in 2021 and placed 3rd in 2024.



Global CPTC 2024

Section 5

Interest Groups & Partnerships

5.1 WiCyS Student Chapter Partnership

The Women in Cybersecurity Student Chapter at RIT is an all-inclusive organization dedicated to making RIT's computing security community an encouraging environment for women. The chapter holds meetings and events for students to share their passion for security while also creating a supportive network in partnership with RITSEC.

5.2 Operations Program

The Ops Program is responsible for supporting our physical infrastructure that is used for competitions, weekly Capture the Flag challenges, and other club programs. Members learn the inner workings of topics like software-defined networking, infrastructure-as-code, and datacenter hardware configuration, all on cloud-scale infrastructure.

5.3 RITSEC Red Team

A group of students and alumni write and use custom tooling to attack competition infrastructure. This provides a challenging learning environment for blue teams.

5.4 Team Contagion

Contagion represents RITSEC in a variety of Capture the Flag (CTF) competitions. Members compete at different ranges of difficulty on both the national and international levels. Additionally, the team creates their own challenges for both the annual RITSEC CTF and the CTF within our ISTS competition.

5.5 Wireless

The Wireless Interest Group focuses on penetration testing and securing wireless protocols such as WiFi, Bluetooth, Radio, etc. Through the interest group, students hear presentations from senior members of the club, industry alumni, RIT grad students, and RIT professors. The grad students and professors present research and go in-depth on how the wireless security industry is changing.

5.6 Incident Response

The Incident Response Interest group is focused on all things Incident Response. The group specifically targets incident response in a corporate environment but covers both technical and non-technical aspects of Incident Response.

5.7 Reversing

The Reversing Interest Group revolves around the in-depth knowledge of binary applications and ultimately reverse engineering malware. Topics such as assembly, executable formats, malware tactics, and much more will be discussed over the entire program's running.

5.8 Physical Security

In the Physical Security Interest group, members will learn all the basics of the world outside of the computer. They get experience picking locks, using alternative entry methods, social engineering, and leveraging open-source intelligence. This group teaches students useful skills that are not typically covered in a computing security education.

5.9 RVAPT

At RVAPT, members learn how to find and exploit vulnerabilities in networks and associated services via hands-on, custom labs. Each week, they learn one to two ways to break into a network and keep building upon it throughout the semester.

Section 6

Activities

6.1 Mentorship Program

Open to all students, RITSEC's mentorship program pairs more experienced upperclassmen with beginner students, having them work side-by-side on security projects. Forming connections between mentors and mentees fosters the environment of learning and productivity RITSEC strives to have every day, and creates the highest quality students. Upon completion, all mentorship project groups present their experience and findings to the club during the research portion of general meetings.

Some examples of recent mentorship topics have been:

- Freshie's First SIEM: Work through Splunk's College and Workforce training program and prepare for the Splunk Core Certified User exam.
- Ducks in the Wild: Learn how to develop and use a "Bad USB," commonly known as a USB Rubber Ducky, to both attack and defend a computer.
- Networking Essentials: Students learn how to set up and secure networks for defense, and then flip the script by using networking skills in red team scenarios. This mentorship equips students with the knowledge to take control of any network environment.
- Wardriving: Involves creating, typically in a hardshell carry case, a wireless packet sniffing device that contains location data to then map networks anywhere it passes by. This group developed a wardriving carry case that can be brought around campus to learn more about hands-on wireless security.
- 404 Found Us: Learn and develop a fundamental understanding of how web applications are built, how to spot vulnerabilities in them, and how to recommend mitigations.

6.2 Conferences

We also provide resources to our members to attend and network at popular security conferences. For example, our main conference of the year is ShmooCon, a large conference hosted in Washington, D.C. every January. For this event, we have our dedicated Shmooze-a-Member fund to pay for members who did not receive ShmooCon's Shmooze-a-Student scholarship.



ShmooCon 2025

Our WiCyS student chapter also attends the Women in Cybersecurity conference annually. These students in our WiCyS chapter are well equipped to properly engage with industry professionals and gain more from attending these conferences because of the intersectional experiences they have from both RITSEC and WiCyS RIT.



WiCyS 2025

Section 7

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7.2 Find Us Online

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- Twitch (Weekly Meetings, 12-4pm EST)
<https://www.twitch.tv/ritsec>
- YouTube (Archived Talks)
<https://www.youtube.com/c/RITSEC>