

The CYBERTRAINING PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT

This document specifies the conditions for support under the CyberTraining program provided to the Researcher (participant) through the University of Maryland, Baltimore County (UMBC) under a grant from the National Science Foundation. By signing this agreement, the CyberTraining Researcher understands the provisions and promises to abide by them.

A. Amount of Financial Support

As a participant, the CyberTraining Researcher is eligible to receive a total stipend of \$1,500 after successfully finishing the training program. If the CyberTraining Researcher serves the full appointment, the stipend will be made available as follows:

- The CyberTraining program organizers expect the payment will be mailed directly to the participant's permanent address from the State of Maryland. The Social Security Number of the participant is required to process the payments.
- While the CyberTraining program organizers are working with UMBC on the full payment for every participant. There might be some regulatory policies that restrict or prohibit the payment for some participants. If this happens, the CyberTraining program organizers will notify and work with the participant find the best approach to handle it in a case-by-case manner.

Participants should be aware that it may take each voucher five or more weeks to be processed for payment by the State of Maryland. Additional time for mailing needs to be calculated. Participants need to be able and willing to support themselves with their own funds until the payment receives them.

The CyberTraining program includes the training for the Certificate in the program offered through the UMBC Training Centers. The CyberTraining program will pay the cost of this training. The CyberTraining Researcher is required to supply needed information for the registration in this training when requested and to prepare for it as requested.

All payments are contingent on (i) full participation in research activities planned by the mentor, (ii) submission of biweekly research training records (RTRs) detailing full time work during the training experiences, and (iii) satisfactory participation in training activities as identified by the mentor. The Program Director will make the final decision as to whether these conditions have been met.

The CyberTraining Researcher understands that

- He/she is a student/researcher/faculty at a US institution.
- If a CyberTraining Researcher fails to fulfill his or her commitment to complete the program as agreed he/she may be subject to a pro rata reduction or cancellation of the stipend.
- All financial support is contingent upon good overall standing as a CyberTraining Researcher.
- No stipend balances will be awarded to a CyberTraining Researcher who fails to complete his or her appointment period and associated obligations.
- **The stipend may have associated tax obligations. All tax obligations are the CyberTraining Researchers' responsibility, and they should refer any and all questions about tax liability to a tax professional. UMBC will furnish this information to the IRS and issue a tax document to the**

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participant at beginning of next year. The participant must make sure to have a valid postal address on file for the mailing of this document at the beginning of next year.

B. Duration of Stipend

As a CyberTraining Researcher at UMBC, support begins on the date of the appointment period and ends approximately 15 weeks after that date. The standard training program period begins 01/25/2019 and ends 05/17/2019. Some remaining tasks might need to be completed after the standard training program period.

C. Matriculation Requirements

The progress of each CyberTraining Researcher toward a degree or career in science will be monitored through Program Evaluation efforts. CyberTraining Researcher application and other information will be reported to NSF. CyberTraining Researchers may be contacted periodically and student academic records may be requested to evaluate the impact of the CyberTraining Program on participant outcomes. CyberTraining Researchers are strongly encouraged to continue their scientific training and to pursue advanced degrees and research careers.

D. Participation in Program Activities

The CyberTraining Researcher will work with an approved CyberTraining Research Mentor at UMBC. The CyberTraining research experience will be coordinated by the Program Director and must adhere to the following:

- A 15 week Research Experience with an assigned CyberTraining Research Mentor.
- Attendance at all program meetings and activities at UMBC as directed by his/her research mentor.
- Each CyberTraining Researcher is required to participate in formative and summative program evaluation activities, facilitated both by program staff and by an external evaluator.
- **Cooperation with all deadlines stated by the program director, including but not limited to return of this form, application to UMBC, response to information requests.**

E. Retention

The CyberTraining Researcher understands that continued participation in the CyberTraining program at UMBC and eligibility for the CyberTraining Researcher stipend support is subject to the decision of the Program Director. Termination of participation in the CyberTraining program at UMBC includes the forfeiture of all unpaid stipend support scheduled to be received.

F. Miscellaneous

UMBC reserves the right to terminate CyberTraining Researcher participation in the CyberTraining program for any reason deemed sufficient by the Program Director.

All CyberTraining Researchers are required to complete and submit all forms and requests for information as required by the Program Director.

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It is the responsibility of each CyberTraining Researcher to immediately report any problems or concerns regarding his/her participation in the training experience or related activities in writing to the Program Director. This will ensure that problems are addressed in a timely manner to prevent disruptions in the Researchers' training experience.

Additionally, the CyberTraining Researcher named below hereby grants permission to UMBC to release his or her name, and other photographic representations in connection with participation in the CyberTraining program at UMBC.

The CyberTraining Researcher named below also has read all of this agreement and understands his/her obligations in accepting this training experience.

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November 18, 1985



Signature

01/09/2019

Date