The Space Systems Command (SSC) Cyber Halo Innovation Research Program (CHIRP) was established as a partnership between industry and higher education to drive innovation and create a diverse pipeline of talent in cybersecurity for SSC and beyond.

There is a crucial need to grow cybersecurity workforce talent, particularly in the space systems area. CHIRP is a collaboration between SSC, Pacific Northwest National Laboratory (PNNL), selected minority serving institutions and industry partners that offers underserved and underrepresented populations of students access to a unique, two-year college-to-career program opportunity. Invited academic partners will join CHIRP to provide this opportunity to selected campuses and students.

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Academic partners in CHIRP open a pathway for their student populations to participate in this program.

Access Academic Financial Support: Space Service Scholarship

Partnerships with academic institutions open opportunities to remove financial obstacles for students by providing access to the Space Cyber Research Scholarship.

As part of this opportunity, students will:

- Work on cybersecurity-related research and development problems using tools and methods that are directly applicable to SSC.
- Gain skills and techniques that are directly applicable to protecting our nation’s space-borne assets.
- Build their network of contacts at SSC, Pacific Northwest National Laboratory, and in the space industry.
- Participate in career, curriculum, and required CHIRP events, including a summer institute, research experiences, and a summer internship.

To leverage this opportunity, students:

- Commit to one year of work at SSC or an approved industry partner for each year of Space Cyber Research Scholarship support.
- Access academic financial support through a space service scholarship.

Ready to Learn More?

If you're interested in finding out more about how you can bring this opportunity to your students by becoming a partner in CHIRP, please email:

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