# IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY SFS (CYBERCORPS) PROGRAM

The **CyberCorps® Scholarship for Service (SFS)** is a highly competitive scholarship program funded by the **National Science Foundation (NSF)** and administered in collaboration with the **Office of Personnel Management (OPM)**. It aims to recruit and train the next generation of cybersecurity professionals to serve in federal, state, local, and tribal government positions.

Iowa State University (ISU) has a long history of successfully implementing the SFS program. The new SFS project at ISU will fund six Master of Science (M.S.) students per year in cybersecurity, focusing on securing critical infrastructure and leveraging advanced cybersecurity research and training.

## ① SFS Program Components and Benefits

Students selected for the program will receive the following benefits:

- **Full Tuition Coverage**: For up to two years of graduate study.
- **Stipend**: $37,000 per year
- **Professional Development Support**: $6,000 per year for books, travel, and professional certifications.

## ② SFS Program Requirements

To participate, students must meet the following requirements:

A. **Eligibility Requirements**

- Be a **U.S. citizen** or **lawful permanent resident**.
- Have a **B.S. degree in Cyber Security Engineering** or a closely related field.
- Meet the **academic admission criteria** for the **M.S. in Cyber Security** at ISU, including:
  - **Minimum GPA of 3.3** (on a 4.0 scale).
  - **Two recommendation letters**.
  - **Personal statement** outlining interest in cybersecurity and public service.
  - Ability to obtain a **U.S. security clearance**.

## ③ NSF and OPM Program Requirements

The **National Science Foundation (NSF)** and **Office of Personnel Management (OPM)** administer the program with the following key requirements:

- Scholarship recipients must **complete an internship** before graduation.
- Graduates must secure **government employment** within **12 months of graduation**.
- The **work commitment must match the scholarship duration.**
- Failure to fulfill the service requirement results in the **repayment of all scholarship funds.**

## ④ Summary

The **Iowa State University SFS Program** offers a **fully funded** pathway to an advanced degree in **cybersecurity**, coupled with hands-on research, internship opportunities, and a direct pipeline to **government careers** in cybersecurity.

- **Benefits**: Full tuition, stipend, research opportunities, and guaranteed job placement.
- **Requirements**: U.S. citizenship, strong academic record, cybersecurity commitment, and government service obligation.
- **Career Impact**: Graduates enter high-impact cybersecurity roles protecting **national security** and **critical infrastructure**.

**For more information, visit the ISU CyberCorps Program Website or contact the Center for Cybersecurity Innovation & Outreach.**