What is the Scholarship for Service (SFS) Program?

Sponsored by the National Science Foundation and the Department of Homeland Security, the SFS program recruits and educates the next generation of federally employed information assurance professionals working to ensure the security of the nation’s information technology infrastructure.

The SFS program at New Mexico Tech attracts a diverse, interdisciplinary group of students drawn from fields including computer science, electrical engineering, information technology, mathematics, management, and technical communication. Students from all disciplines are eligible if they can demonstrate the cyber security focus.

Deadline for Fall 2021:
March 31, 2021

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**Benefits**

Students in SFS can be supported for up to three years (2 years for BS or MS, 3 years for BS + MS or for PhD). Benefits include:

- academic year stipend ( $25,000 for undergraduate, $34,000 for graduate)
- full tuition and fees
- $6000 professional allowance – travel, books, certification, and insurance
- research experience in information assurance / cybersecurity
- mentoring and advising
- cohort activities

**Requirements**

Students participating in the SFS program must:

- be a US citizen or permanent resident
- be enrolled full time in the final two years of a bachelor or master program, or three years in BS+MS or doctoral program
- study and do research in some aspect of information assurance / security
- **intern** at an agency\(^1\) during the summer and **work** for an executive agency\(^2\) for a time equal to years of support
- maintain at least a minimum GPA of
  - 3.0 undergraduate
  - 3.5 graduate
- be able to obtain a security clearance

**Application Process**

To apply for the NMT SFS program provide:

- a letter of application with a statement of purpose, goals, expected degree and graduation date, time of support requested and level (grad/undergrad and in/out of state for tuition).
- a copy of all college transcripts
- a formal resume
- at least two (2) recommendations from faculty members or employers
- GRE scores for graduate applicants

Also prepare a presentation on an Information Assurance or Computer / Cyber Security topic of your choosing, which you present to the selection committee. Travel support is provided for non-local students. Review the formal application guidelines found at the SFS website before submitting your application package and contact the principal investigators (PIs) with questions. Submit applications via email to the program coordinator and the PI.

\(^1\) Agency means federal, state, local or tribal government agency or federally funded research and development center (FFRDC).

\(^2\) As defined in 5 US Code 105, or subject to a prior approval, in the cybersecurity mission of: Congress, interstate agency, a state, local or tribal government agency or FFRDC.