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Scholarship portal is open

The **GW CyberCorps Program** is accepting applications for the upcoming 2016 - 2017 academic year.

The scholarship includes fully funded tuition and fees, a living stipend, book allowance, and a professional development fund.

Completed scholarship packages are due by January 31, 2016.

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November 30, 2015

Eight (8) events scheduled in the Greater Washington Area in the next few weeks.

Legislative Lowdown

-The National Journal looks at the potential for the terror attacks in Paris last week to stoke new calls for backdoors in mobile device encryption. For now, at least, those prospects appear dim. "While the Paris attacks have also reignited a debate over encryption, congressional aides and cybersecurity experts doubt that attention will translate into action any time soon," [writes](#) Brendan Sasso. "CIA Director John Brennan and Sens. Richard Burr and Dianne Feinstein, the bipartisan leaders of the Senate Intelligence Committee, all argued last week that encrypted services are empowering terrorists to evade surveillance. But any legislation to ensure the government can access encrypted communications would face fierce resistance from the technology industry. Companies like Apple, Google, and Facebook argue that a "backdoor" for the U.S. government could also be exploited by hackers or oppressive regimes, ultimately undermining trust in their services."

CSPRI Expertise: CSPRI has worked on this over the years. See [The Crypto Policy Debate Redux and a Possible Way Forward](#) at <http://www.cspri.seas.gwu.edu/crypto-policy>

Events

December 1
[The Email Privacy Act](#)

December 1
[Understanding the IoT Attack Surface](#)

December 1-2
[Raytheon Cyber Summit](#)

December 1 - 2
[Public Sector Cybersecurity Summit 2015](#)

December 2
[Protecting Trade Secrets](#)

December 4
[2600 Arlington Meetup](#)

December 9
[ISACA CM Meetup](#)

December 10
[OWASP NoVA & DC Holiday Party](#)

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Cyber Security Policy News

The Right to be Forgotten: Update

-Google has removed a little more than 441,000 webpages from its search results in Europe since a court ruled last year that citizens have a "right to be forgotten" online, The Hill reports. "The search giant has evaluated 1.2 million webpages for removal, but has chosen to leave untouched 58 percent of those pages," [writes](#) Mario Trujillo. The numbers come from **Google's transparency report** that was last updated on Wednesday. Ten individual sites account for about 9 percent of all removals. Links to Facebook are most often removed from search, while other popular sites like YouTube, Twitter and other Google sites are among the top."

CSPRI Expertise: CSPRI director Lance Hoffman and Palantir's John Grant led a flash workshop at the Amsterdam Policy Conference last month on Implementing the Right to Be Forgotten. A short paper on the results is in preparation.

19 cybersecurity incidents

-Foreign intelligence agents and other hackers attacked Interior Department networks 19 times in recent years, before walking away from keyboards with unknown amounts of stolen data, according to agency inspectors, [reports](#) NextGov. "The incidents are unrelated to a previously disclosed assault on Interior networks connected to Office of Personnel Management systems that jeopardized 21.5 million confidential records on national security personnel and their family members," wrote Aliya Sternstein and Jack Moore. "In the 19 previously undisclosed cybersecurity incidents, Chinese attackers and hackers with European network addresses copied data strictly from Interior systems."

Shortage of cybersecurity professionals

Cybersecurity policymakers have long fretted about the reality that there are far too few qualified cybersecurity professionals for the number of such positions open at government and private companies. According to an article in CIO Magazine, The CISO of Rockwell Automation thinks a cybersecurity co-operative, comprised of top information security engineers from several companies, could serve as a salve to the talent shortage and also offer an improvement over managed security service providers. Read more [here](#).

UK to invest more money in cybersecurity firms and technology

Meanwhile, the United Kingdom has pledged some £1.9 billion in new spending on cybersecurity firms and technology. But how will that money be spent? Phil Muncaster at InfoSecurity Magazine [takes a closer look](#). TechCrunch also [examines](#) the potential impact on U.K. startups.

Underground cybercrime: China

Trend Micro last week published [a detailed look](#) at the cybercrime underground in China. [Dark Reading](#) says the report shows that "the illegal products and services bubbling up out of the cauldron that is China's cybercrime black market are as robust and mature as they are plentiful and cheap," writes Ericka Chickowski. "The result is powering the entire cybercrime economy in China and beyond.

About this Newsletter

This newsletter is a weekly summary of events related to cyber security policy and research, with a special focus on developments and events in the Washington, DC area. It is published by the Cyber Security Policy and Research Institute (CSPRI) of the George Washington University. CSPRI is a center for GW and the Washington area that promotes technical research and policy analysis of topics in or related to cybersecurity. More information is available at our website, <http://www.cspri.seas.gwu.edu>

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