

FACT SHEET

The Commonwealth Cyber Initiative Impact Award

1. Award Description: The mission of CCI is serve as an engine for research, innovation, and workforce development at the intersection between security, autonomy, and intelligence. CCI has two primary objectives: to build world-leading research and innovation capabilities and to help close the workforce gap in cybersecurity in the commonwealth.

In its three years of operations, CCI has made significant, positive impact across all three of its mission lines and has gained a reputation of scholarly excellence and innovative approaches to solving the cybersecurity challenges that face the commonwealth. Our guiding theme is “Research with Impact” and the research initiatives and outcomes cross over and enable cutting-edge technology innovation and focused experiential learning opportunities for our students.

The CCI Impact Award is the annual flagship award for CCI. The award recognizes a CCI affiliated or associated individual, team, group, or organization who, through their CCI activities has conducted breakthrough cybersecurity research or innovation or developed a creative means to improve cybersecurity workforce opportunities for our industry partners and students. The impact must be at a minimum regional, but optimally, state-wide or nationally recognized and is measured through economic metrics, professional standards or publications, media attention, etc.

2. Award Period: The award period is the 2023 Calendar Year. The award will be presented at the Annual CCI Symposium in April 2024.

3. Eligibility: Any faculty member, student or staff member at a CCI institution of higher education, CCI engaged industry partner, non-profit organization, or government agency/organization (individual, group, or organization) are eligible to be nominated for the CCI Impact Award.

4. Nomination Period: Nominations are accepted from January 1 – February 28, 2024.

5. Nomination Process:

- Complete the CCI Impact Award Nomination Form (Self-Nominations are allowed).
- Receive the endorsement from the appropriate Node Director or CCI Executive Director (on the nomination form).
- Submit the Nomination Form to the CCI Hub, John Delaney, Managing Director at jpdelaney@vt.edu.

- All nominations will be reviewed by the Impact Award Selection Committee, which is advisory to the CCI Leadership Council.
- The CCI Leadership Council reviews the Selection Committee recommendations, deliberates, and selects the award winner.

6. The Presentation of the Award: The CCI Impact Award will be presented at the CCI Symposium dinner on April 15, 2024 in Richmond, Virginia. The name of the award winner will remain confidential and only known to the Selection Committee and the Leadership Council until the award is presented at the CCI Symposium.

7. Point of Contact: Any questions, please contact John Delaney, Managing Director, Commonwealth Cyber Initiative at jpdelaney@vt.edu or 571-858-3308.