NEXT GENERATION OF CYBER PROFESSIONALS

CCI is creating a unique experiential learning portfolio, from capture-the-flag events to hands-on activities, to enhance security in such areas as autonomous vehicles, elections, and more.

These highly sought programs, paired with professional development activities and clearance-readiness instruction, are pillars of our missions of workforce development and innovation.

Our internship programs also often boast majority participation from traditionally underrepresented groups.

These programs produce graduates ready to fill Virginia's cybersecurity workforce and create new businesses.

Come work with us.

CLEARANCE PREPAREDNESS PROGRAM

For companies offering careers in a field that requires a security clearance, CCI's Clearance Preparedness Program gives students a head start in connecting and interacting with government and industry professionals.

This free seminar series provides guidance on the clearance process and what's required for access to national intelligence information. Organizations can hire new graduates with the potential to quickly gain the needed clearance and start work immediately.

Speakers at CCI's most recent Clearance Preparedness program included representatives from **MITRE**, **KPMG**, and the **Federal Communications Commission**.

Students earn a digital badge to post on their LinkedIn profiles when completing the program.

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INTERNSHIP & JOB FAIR

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CCI connects students with internship and job opportunities from employers throughout Virginia at our free virtual Internship and Job Fair.

Through internships, organizations can see how potential future employees fit into their culture, and how quickly they can adapt to and learn in a professional environment.

This virtual event includes a panel discussion with professionals, followed by sessions with several prospective employers, giving them an opportunity to scope out the talent pool and spot early recruiting prospects.

Many CCI interns have gone on to full-time jobs following their internships, which also saves organizations time and money in orientation and onboarding costs.

Past fairs have included such organizations as **CACI**, **CivilianCyber**, **Microsoft**, **PBS**, and the **Departments of Labor** and **Health and Human Services**.

PROJECT-BASED LEARNING PROGRAM

CCI partners with corporate, government, and NGO partners for this program, which provides experiential learning opportunities to cyber and cyber-

adjacent students attending a college or university within our network.

We advertise, recruit, and pre-select candidates for our partners, presenting a competitive group of candidates. Students have the opportunity to work on real-world projects while being mentored by professionals. They also get a stipend provided by CCI.

Employers gain access to a collection of highly skilled future employees from across Virginia.

One of our first projects involved our partner CACI, which provided experiential learning positions for students from Northern Virginia Community College.

MEET UP TO STARTUP

These events, sponsored and organized by CCI, introduce faculty and students interested in commercializing their research to venture capitalists.

Potential investors discuss what they're looking for and provide feedback at free networking sessions held across Virginia.

Budding entrepreneurs discuss their work and its potential, giving investors the chance to finance what could be the next big thing.

Venture capitalists at previous events include **Activation Capital**, **BVI Cybersecurity**, **Squadra**, **VTC Ventures**, and **Paladin Capital Group**.

CCI also offers guidance to faculty and students on how to pitch their discoveries and on finding resources to help launch a startup.

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