

Build your skills. Gain real-world experience. Launch your cybersecurity career.

Apply for a paid cybersecurity fellowship featuring hands-on training with faculty from CNU, ODU, and W&M, followed by an internship at Neptune Shield, a cybersecurity firm in Virginia Beach



Competitive Pay

Both Phase I (Fall) and II (Spring) are paid programs

80 Hours

Across 18-20 weeks in the Fall and Spring Semester

Travel Covered

Transport and Meals

30 Fellows

Across three universities:

- Christopher Newport University
- Old Dominion University
- William & Mary

**Application deadline
September 23, 2026**

Phase 1 - Training

~40 hrs in Fall Semester

- Workshops led by faculty from three campuses: incident response, penetration testing, security operations, and compliance
- Hands-on labs in Neptune Shield's simulation environments at their Virginia Beach facility
- Skill swap, capture the flag, and hackathon events with students from the other schools
- Employer sessions and meetups

Phase 2 - Internship

~40 hrs in Spring Semester

- Work alongside Neptune Shield's cybersecurity staff on active projects and sit in on day-to-day operations
- Mock interviews, résumé feedback, and career coaching
- On-site in Virginia Beach, virtual, or a mix — arranged around your class schedule

Requirements

- Computer science major or minor
- Enrolled throughout the program
- Minimum 2.80 cumulative GPA
- Able to travel to Virginia Beach for scheduled sessions

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