## WiCyS

# Women in Cybersecurity



#### CHECK-IN

WOMEN IN CYBERSECURITY (WICYS) FIRST GENERAL MEETING! WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2 AT 7:00PM



http://cglink.me/c772712827144242

Open the CampusGroups app.
 Select 'The Grainger College of Engineering'.
 Click on QR Code scanner.
 Scan this QR Code and you are checked-in!

### Meet the board!



**Christina Hu** President



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### What is Cybersecurity?

- Cybersecurity is the "state or process of protecting and recovering networks, devices and programs from any type of cyber attack"
- Needed in all industries (i.e. banking, government, consulting, software, data etc.)
- Encompasses many different roles
  - Traditional hacking
  - Cybersecurity consulting
  - Building and maintaining secure systems
  - And, a lot more!



### What is WiCyS?

Women in CyberSecurity (WiCyS) is a premier organization with national reach dedicated to bringing together women in cybersecurity from academia, research and industry to share knowledge, experience, networking and mentoring.



### Why join WiCyS?

- Learn more about cybersecurity
- Get better prepared for cybersecurity internships
- Hear from industry professionals
- Get involved in national Women in Cybersecurity events
  - WiCyS 2021 Conference in Denver from March 25-27!
- Make friends!









### How to join WiCyS?

- Walkthrough
  - https://www.wicys.org/join
  - \$20 student membership fee
- Also, WiCyS Fall Virtual Career Fair!
  - 9/9 from 12-4 PM CST

**WiCyS Fall Virtual Career Fair** September 9th from Noon – 4pm CT

#### Ready to be recruited into cybersecurity?

#### The time is **NOW!**

#### **70+ Sponsored Booths**

#### FREE to all WiCyS MEMBERS

#### **WiCyS Member Benefits**

#### Mentor/Mentee Applications

- Scholarships/Grants/Awards for WiCyS 2021
- Call for Participation for WiCyS 2021
- Fall Virtual Career Fair
  Access to our NEW online member
- community portal
- Access to GROUPS w/in the member portal (ex. neurodiversity in cybersecurity, non-traditional cybersecurity relaunchers, etc.)
- Job Board++
- Training Programs and Learning Series
- Discounted WiCyS and other conference passes
- · Option to be on the WiCyS Speaker Directory
- Media Opportunities
- Plethora of Professional Networking
- Webinars
- Launching Professional Affiliate / Student Chapter
  Volunteer and Internship Opportunities





### What we are planning for the semester

- Weekly one hour meetings:
  - Tech Talks
  - Technical and professional development workshops
  - Networking Opportunities
    - Coffee chats with professors and industry professionals
  - Resume Book



### Technical Workshops

Main workshop series: develop a secure web application with a login system and CRUD functionality, finding vulnerabilities at each step before patching them

- **End results:** Learn not only about common web vulnerabilities, but also how to secure your apps (with working source code to show employers!)

One-off workshops also planned, such as:

- How to hack facial recognition systems
- Human-centered security
- TBD; we're open to suggestions :)



### **EOH Project**

Plan: meet 2-4x/month to work on a long-term coding project

- Will present at EOH and/or similar venues such as ACM Symposium
- Current plan is to develop a multiplayer cybersecurity education game
  - Could be more engaging than a pre-recorded video exhibit!
  - Would teach us client-server networking and game security
  - Designing core mechanics will involve learning about different security hacks that could be interesting for users to employ
- (Or, if nobody is interested we can also do other things)



### How we can help you get an internship

- Interview prep
- General security tutorials in various areas
- CTF prep/resources
- Working on a long-term team EOH project
- Guidance from a network who has gotten offers from:



### **Industry Exposure**

- It is important to connect/get exposure early on
- Get a head start in your career by gaining better understanding of different industries
- Importance of networking
  - 70% of all jobs are not listed, ~80% of all jobs are filled through networking/connections
- It is important to try new things so you can find out what you are interested in!



### **Open Board Positions**

- Vice President
  - Find and maintain corporate connections
  - Funding opportunities
  - Aid president in managing WiCyS student chapter
- Communications Chair
  - Send weekly newsletter
  - Handle email communications
  - Maintain WiCyS social media
    - Advertise events





Board Position Application

Mailing List —



### **Questions?**

Contact us at wicys.illinois@gmail.com



### **Activity: Games!**





