Cybersecurity in universities
Mini grant offer for cybersecurity-oriented program development

1. About the program

"Cybersecurity in universities - study visits to the U.S." is a program initiated by Fulbright Poland together with Fulbright Commissions based in Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Hungary, Romania and Slovak Republic and carried out in partnership with World Learning and Marymount University. The aim of the program is to acquaint participants with the scope of cybersecurity studies conducted in the US, the catalog of specializations, most common course content/curriculum and thus to facilitate the development of **cybersecurity programs** in universities of Central and East European countries. The core part of the program are study visits to the U.S. for scholars representing universities from Bulgaria, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania and Slovak Republic that already have or are about to open cybersecurity programs.

The mini grant offer is a follow up to the study visits, which have been carried out in a hybrid form in years 2021-2022.

2. Overview of the mini grant offer

The aim of the mini grant is to further support the design and implementation of cybersecurity-oriented programs in universities, whose representatives are already engaged in the study visits program.

Every participant, who completed at least the virtual part of the 'Cybersecurity in universities' program is eligible to apply for a mini grant.

The maximum amount of the grant is $5.000 (five thousand US dollars) and will be paid via a wire transfer to the university's bank account indicated in the grant contract. The transfer will be made in US dollars, in one installment.

3. Application process

In order to apply for the mini grant, eligible participants need to **complete and submit an online application form** available at: https://form.jotform.com/220601602237038

The deadline for submitting an application is April 26, 2022 at 15:59 CET (Central European Time). An online application form and all documents should be submitted in English. Only complete applications will be taken into consideration.

Participants of 'Cybersecurity in universities' study visits program apply for the mini grant on behalf of the university they represent. The name of the represented university, indicated in the grant application form, should be consistent with the one indicated in the participant's application for the study visits program.

The university will act as a grant recipient and a grant contract shall be signed between the university (or its respective department/ unit, depending on the legal structure) and Fulbright Poland.

4. Requirements regarding submitting a mini grant application form

The application form should specify the nature and stages of the proposed cybersecurity-oriented program development. We expect to see:

- An **overview and aim** of the proposed initiative; a clear explanation regarding the current state of the cybersecurity-oriented program implementation process at the university, and the goal(s) for change, i.e. whether the proposed activity is going to be an innovation; a creation and implementation of a whole new program; a modernization of an existing one or a translation of an existing course etc.
- **Stakeholders' analysis** - indicating the workforce to be engaged in the cybersecurity-oriented program development; outlining who will be the leader of the process; who will be involved at its separate stages and whether external experts will be invited to participate.
- An **action plan** - describing the process of cybersecurity-oriented program development and indicating the timeline for its implementation.
- A **concept of the new /updated cybersecurity course** - outlining the educational level, general framework of the classes, syllabus, the list of educational materials needed, underlining innovations introduced with the help of the requested grant.

Two attachments are required: a budget and a letter of support from the university - both should adhere to the templates available at our website: https://en.fulbright.edu.pl/cybersecurity-minigrants.

5. Eligible costs

The following costs can be covered by the grant:

1. Honorarias and fees including:
    - work on program & curriculum development,
    - preparation of lectures and other classes,
    - development of textbooks and/or didactical materials,
    - external consultations.
2. Translation of materials,

3. Purchase of software/licenses.

The mini grant will not cover the following costs (please do not include these in the application budget)::

- purchase of equipment, including IT equipment,
- international travel,
- costs of work that has already been completed.

Elements of the mini grant should be carefully calculated and justified in the online application form (proposed budget).

6. Timeline of the mini grant program

Announcement of the call for applications:	March 2, 2022
Deadline for submitting an application:	April 26, 2022
Results:	May 20, 2022
Signing contracts:	June 6, 2022
Final report:	December 20, 2022

7. Application selection process

The applications will be reviewed by a Selection Committee composed of representatives of Fulbright Commissions that initiated the program, as well as external experts nominated by the Commissions and its partners.

Decisions of the Selection Committee are final and may not be appealed. Neither the Selection Committee nor the Fulbright Commissions provide justification of any decisions regarding approval or rejection of applications at any stage of the process.

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