Student Travel to the Symposium on Usable Privacy and Security

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Application

Application Type: Travel

Funded: No

Presenter?: No

Review Criteria: Standard

Prior ACITC Funding?: No

Description

The purpose of this proposal is to gain funding for one Computer Science and Cybersecurity graduate student to travel to the Symposium on Usable Privacy and Security (SOUPS), which will take place in Ottawa, Canada from July 22 to 24, 2015.

A new elective entitled Usable Security has been added to the Spring 2015 Computer Science and Cybersecurity course roster. This course, which focuses on the human aspects of computer security, has a term project component that allows students to gain hands-on experience with designing and implementing user studies and usability evaluations. Interested students have the option to submit the results of their term project to the poster competition at SOUPS 2015. SOUPS is the premier conference for usability aspects of computer privacy and security - it has a history of producing high-quality publications as well as attracting a diverse group of security and privacy usability experts. SOUPS also provides several high-quality workshops related to usable privacy and security; this year’s workshop topics include cybercrime, inclusive privacy and security for people with different abilities, and usable security and privacy education. In short, the funding requested herein would allow a student whose work has the potential for acceptance at a major conference to then attend that conference and present his or her work to a group of influential researchers in this field. Such exposure for a graduate student can aid in launching a successful research career in the field of usable privacy and security. It will also allow to student to network with other researchers, and to share their knowledge in the rapidly emerging field of usable privacy and security. Attendance at SOUPS will also extend the knowledge the student gains from the Usable Security course at Florida Tech, and would provide a basis for offering the course again in the future.
With unrelated funding, the course professor who teaches Usable Security (Dr. Heather Crawford) will be attending SOUPS 2015 and thus would be available to
guide the funded student while at the conference. Attendance of the faculty (with separate funding) and the graduate student at SOUPS would also promote
Florida Tech as a major contributor to this important and timely field of research.

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**Budget Justification**
The above listed items would cover all expenses for the trip for one student. Many meals are included in the conference registration fee.