

Bisk and Florida A&M University to Launch Cybersecurity Programs

\$500K in scholarships available to Florida students to pursue the growing industry of cybersecurity

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/EINPresswire.com/ -- Bisk, a global leader in online education, along with its partner Florida A&M University (FAMU), today announced FAMU's College of Science & Technology has received a \$1.42M grant from the Florida Department of Education and the Florida Center for Cybersecurity to launch online cybersecurity bootcamps and a certificate program targeting both adult and college learners.



This collaborative project between Bisk and one of the leading public HBCUs (Historically Black Colleges and Universities) will prepare women and minorities — both underrepresented populations in the industry — for a career in the field of cybersecurity (the practice of protecting networks, programs and sensitive information from cyberattacks). A portion of the grant (approximately \$500K) will be allocated for scholarships to those meeting the necessary criteria to transition into the cybersecurity workforce to address the shortage of cybersecurity professionals in the state of Florida, the nation and globally.

“There is a severe shortage of cybersecurity professionals and an inadequate representation of minorities and women in this field,” said Bisk’s Vice President, Academic Success Dr. Jennifer King. “This funding will enable residents in Florida access to virtual, instructor-led courses to pursue careers in this fast-growing, in-demand field to create a safer cyberspace.”

The 12-week fulltime (Bootcamp No. 1), 24-week part time (Bootcamp No. 2) and 48-week hybrid (Bootcamp No. 3; self-paced asynchronous content with instructor-led sessions) will develop, prepare and enhance students’ skills through virtual labs, assessments and real-life scenarios. The grant will provide 60 fully funded scholarships for the bootcamps, which are open to all Florida residents from underrepresented communities who have received their Graduate Equivalency Degree (GED). Students nearing the final semester of high school will also be considered for the scholarships on an individual basis. Bootcamps No. 1 and No. 2 will launch January 9, 2023, with Bootcamp No. 3 launching in early spring 2023. Click [here](#) for more information or to enroll.

The 4-course, 32-week cyber certificate program provides training for cybersecurity skills critical to defending the nation's vital information resources. The program prepares students completing a bachelor's degree in fields such as information technology (IT) and computer science to work in a cyber-related profession. "The certificate program not only creates a pipeline for students looking to enter the Bachelor or Master of Science in Cybersecurity programs — which commenced Fall 2022 — but prepares them to successfully gain industry certification," stated Dr. King. Enrollment information coming soon.

"FAMU provides students with an educational experience essential to their success and advancing their future," said Richard Alo, Ph.D., dean of the FAMU College of Science and Technology. "Providing scholarships and partnering with Bisk to offer Cybersecurity programs ensures this growing industry has representation and can meet the demand."

Sources: 1. "U.S. News & World Report's 2023 Best Colleges Rankings," <https://www.usnews.com/best-colleges/florida-am-university-1480/overall-rankings>

About FAMU

Founded in 1887 and located in Tallahassee, Florida, FAMU is the third largest historically black university in the United States by enrollment and the only public historically black university in Florida. According to U.S. News & World Report's 2023 Best Colleges Rankings, FAMU maintains its ranking as the top-rated public historically black college and university (HBCU). To learn more, visit famuedu.

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