# OnRamp II 2021-2022

## National Security Agency OnRamp II Scholarship Program

The purpose of the National Security Agency's (NSA) OnRamp II program is to promote the technical health and diversity of students in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) disciplines. Students will be pursuing employment with NSA while enhancing their academic caliber.

An important element of the educational partnerships with academic institutions designated as OnRamp II schools includes:

- Academic scholarship for up to three years for qualified undergraduate and graduate students in exchange for one year of employment payback for each year of support. Deferment will be allowed for undergraduates who pursue graduate studies.
- Internship opportunities for undergraduate and graduate students.
- Academic and career advice and assistance with NSA procedures and processing.
- Opportunity for mission-focused cybersecurity research.

**NSA OnRamp II Scholarship Benefits**

NSA OnRamp II scholarship participants will receive funding up to $25,000 per academic year to cover:

- Tuition support and education related fees (does not include meal plans, housing or parking).
- Book allowance (including e-books and audio books) and school supplies up to $3,000 per academic year.
- Professional development allowance (including travel and conference fees, professional certifications, and leadership development) up to $2,000 per academic year.

Scholarship funding cannot be used for stipends.

**Eligibility for NSA OnRamp II Scholarship**

To be eligible for consideration for the OnRamp II scholarship, students must meet all of the following:

- United States citizen.
- Current or prospective enrollment in a STEM discipline full time as an undergraduate (except for freshman), master's and/or doctoral student, with a 3.0 cumulative GPA on a 4.0 scale as determined by the academic institution.
- Selection criteria for hire at the NSA.

**NSA OnRamp II Obligations for Scholarship Participant**

The NSA OnRamp II scholarship participant must agree to:

- Processing for clearance as outlined on Intelligencecareers.gov – Application Process.
- Employment with NSA following graduation (unless deferred for graduate studies) for a period equal to the length of scholarship
- Participation in an NSA 12-week internship for at least one summer prior to graduation.

**NSA OnRamp II Application Materials**
- Current resume to include relevant professional experiences such as internships and positions of employment. Include all scholarships, academic honors, STEM student leadership roles, honorary societies, and any other recognition relevant to the selected field of study since entering college. Any notable contributions to STEM prior to college should be highlighted as well.  Test scores (e.g., SAT, ACT) will not be evaluated.
- Up-to-date official transcript submitted as an electronic PDF.
- If applicable, copies of relevant publications and presentations pertaining to the STEM fields such as articles, journal submissions, conference presentations, etc.
- Two letters of recommendation from persons knowledgeable of the nominee's potential for successful learning and contribution. At least one must be from a current STEM faculty member.
- Statement of ability to meet security clearance requirements, necessary for employment and paid internship work as outlined on Intelligencecareers.gov – Application Process.
- Statement of acknowledgement from nominee that they have read and agree to sign the OnRamp II Scholarship Agreement, outlining internship and service obligations.

**OnRamp II Points of Contact**

To find out more information and application details about NSA's OnRamp II Scholarship Program at your school, follow the links below:

1. North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University
2. Collaboration for Advancing Minority Participation in Security (CAMPS) – include Texas A&M University, Prairie View A&M University, Texas A&M University – Corpus Christi, Texas A&M University – San Antonio, and West Texas A&M University
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