New scholarship program to promote cyber security in civilian workforce

The new Monarch Scholarship program is all about transformation.

Cyber security is widely recognized as a rapidly growing field, and is in need of new talent to lead the critical function into the future.

The Naval Postgraduate School and National Science Foundation have long recognized the need for cyber security expertise, and have been strong participants in educating and administering the government's Federal Cyber Corps - a Scholarship for Service (SFS) program where students are awarded a free Master's degree, with a cash stipend included, in exchange for employment at various government agencies upon graduation.

The need continues, however, and not every cyber security expert starts with a degree in computer science.

That's where the Monarch Scholarship is unique.

While open to college graduates in technical backgrounds, it is also open and encouraged to graduates with non-technical bachelor's degrees.

Another key aspect of this new program is its emphasis on diversity, encouraging minorities and women to enter the cyber security workforce through this new opportunity.

Now in its eighth year, NPS has graduated more than 60 students, and every one has found a cyber security job in the federal sector.

The payback term of employment for the program is two years, but military service is not part of this scholarship.

Information: http://cisr.nps.edu/scholarships.html.