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Cybercrime Investigation Competition

Cybercrime Investigation Competition 2021 is going virtual!

The U.S. Department of Justice's Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) awarded the BU MET CIC a federal grant to support the project titled, "**Student Computer Forensics and Digital Evidence Educational Opportunities Program**" for enhancing current capacities of law enforcement agencies in the areas of computer forensics and digital evidence, in turn leading to improved cybercrime investigations and successful prosecutions, ultimately resulting in reduced cybercrime investigation.

With much consideration to the pandemic issue, the 2021 competition will be held virtually as a team competition. For this competition, college student/practitioner team will engage in cybercrime investigation-focused activities centered on digital forensics.

The goal of the competition is to develop an effective cybercrime investigation training, test the best practices reflecting the needs of all levels of law enforcement, and establish a training guideline in computer forensics and digital evidence.

Eligibility

Undergraduate/Graduate students and government employees in the field of criminal justice

Awards

- **Winner Team: \$1,000 prize**
- **3 members per Team: 1) Desktop Forensics 2) Mobile Forensics, 3) Legal Specialist**
- **BU CIC Scholarship (\$3,000: \$1,000 per each of the winning team members)**
Special Note: BU CIC Scholarship applies to attain the BU CIC certificate

Competition Format

TBA

Key Dates

FEB: Competition Registration Opens

MARCH: Competition Registration Close & Selection of Participants

MAY: Access to Competition Platform

JUNE 1: Competition Day

JUNE 2: Presentation via Mock Trial (Top Three Teams)

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Student Paper Competition

The CIC Paper Awards will be presented to the **top three teams** (students and a faculty coach) who have **authored original, unpublished** papers for presentations at the 2021 White-Hat Conference.

Awards

- First Place Winner: **\$500 prize**, plus one student presenter will receive waived registration to present the research findings.
- Second Place Winner: **\$300 prize**, plus one student presenter will receive waived registration to present the research findings.
- Third Place Winner: **\$200 prize**, plus one student presenter will receive waived registration to present the research findings.
- The winning papers will be considered for publication in the International Journal of Cybercrime Investigation & Cybersecurity's (IJCIC) special issue in 2021. Winners have to present their findings at the 2021 White-Hat Conference to be awarded.

The top seven papers will be considered for publication in the IJCIC (International Journal of Cybercrime Investigation and Cybersecurity)'s special issue in 2021.

Eligibility

Undergraduate and graduate students, including master's and doctoral students; Multiple faculty members can mentor student contestants, but students need to be the first authors.

Paper Topic

Papers may be on any topic from any academic discipline but must focus on cybercrime and cybersecurity.

Paper Format

Academic papers should be between 6,000 to 9,000 words in length, including footnotes though not including reference. Papers must be submitted using the APA citation format, including in-text citations and reference lists. Authors should adhere to the IJCIC paper format. Please see more instructions for authors in the following link:

<https://vc.bridgew.edu/ijcic/policies.html>

Papers should include two separate attachments:

- 1) Cover page including paper title, student's name, name of the faculty advisor(s), institution, and student's contact information (mailing address, phone number, and e-mail)
- 2) Paper itself, with no identifying information other than the title included on the individual pages. Failure to meet these conditions will render the submission ineligible for consideration.

Submission

One entry per student; Papers and abstracts should be submitted by the student author.

- 1) 500-Word Abstract submission deadline: February 28, 2021.
- 2) Paper submission deadline: April 30, 2021. Send submissions (both abstract and paper) as an e-mail attachment to the Corresponding Guest Editor: Dr. Jaeyong Choi at jaeyong.choi@angelo.edu [Please put "Student Paper Competition" in the subject line.]