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## ABOUT THE PROGRAMME

### Calling all cyber defenders!

Shape the future of online safety by becoming a mentor or unleash your potential as a mentee with the **Lateral Connect Cybersecurity Scholarship Programme**.

The programme is open to individuals over 18, no matter your geographical location, who are interested in building a career in cybersecurity.

Applicants should have a high school diploma or equivalent as a minimum educational requirement. Additional preferences might be given to those with a background in IT or related fields, depending on their experience and interest level in cybersecurity.

This valuable initiative is instrumental in advancing careers and fostering strong leadership within the field.

## PROGRAMME HIGHLIGHTS

**Duration:** 5 months

**From:** October to February 2025

### Timeline & Key Milestones:

- 5th Aug - 2nd Sept 2024: Selection, orientation and foundational training
- Oct 2024 to Dec 2024: Training, mentoring and exam certification preparation
- Jan 2025 to Feb 2025: Certification exams, graduation, Mentee & Mentor of The Year Awards.

### Value:

£7,000 per participant (Scholarship recipients get all this for free!)

### Certifications covered:

- One Year Annual Membership Fee (AMF) of ISC2
- ISC2 Certified in Cybersecurity (CC) No Resits
- CompTIA Security+ Certification (One Exam Voucher)

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## FOR MENTEES

Participate in our comprehensive 5-month group mentorship programme with up to 5 mentees to 1 mentor, designed to supercharge your cybersecurity capabilities and enhance your career trajectory.

This is an unparalleled, highly sought-after opportunity to develop under the guidance of industry leaders.

## FOR MENTEES

### 1. Language Skills

Applicants must be good in English, yet, no specific requirement for it to be their first language.

### 2. Educational Background

Minimum of a high school diploma or equivalent; preference given to candidates with degrees or coursework in IT, computer science, or related fields.

### 3. Experience and Skills

Demonstrable interest in IT and cybersecurity, evidenced by personal projects, internships, or entry level work.

### 4. Motivation Letter

Applicants must submit a letter outlining their interest in cybersecurity, career aspirations, and how the scholarship will help achieve their goals.

### 5. References

At least one professional or academic reference recommending the candidate for the scholarship.

### 6. Technical Assessment

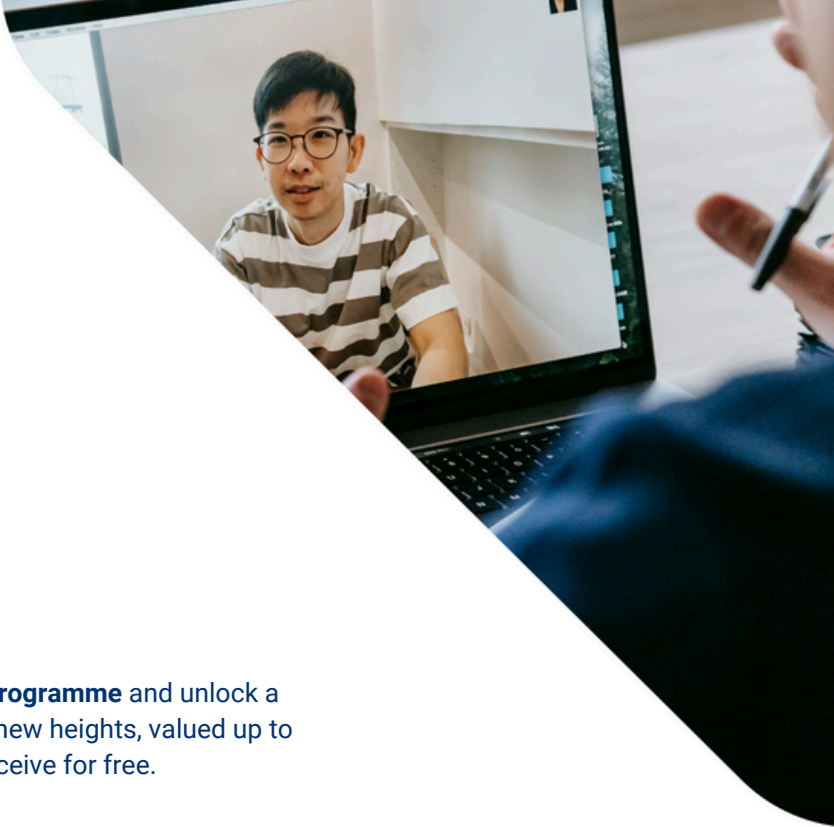
Completion of a basic online cybersecurity quiz to assess foundational knowledge.

### 7. Interview

Shortlisted candidates will undergo an interview to assess their passion, commitment, and potential impact in the cybersecurity field.

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## EXPLORE THE BENEFITS OF JOINING THE PROGRAMME AS A MENTEE

Join the **Lateral Connect Cybersecurity Scholarship Programme** and unlock a plethora of benefits designed to propel your career to new heights, valued up to **£7,000** per participant which Scholarship awardees receive for free.

Here's what you can expect:

### NETWORKING & EXPERT GUIDANCE

Access to a private networking group of a group of fellow mentors and industry leaders, fostering potential collaborations and partnerships, and receiving invitations to exclusive roundtable discussions on emerging cybersecurity trends and challenges.

Receive group one-on-one mentorship from seasoned professionals who are deeply embedded in the cybersecurity industry. This direct access allows for personalised guidance and insider insights that can dramatically shape your career path.

### ENHANCED EMPLOYABILITY

Boost your marketability through targeted workshops and courses that focus on increasing your job readiness and transforming you into an irresistible candidate in a competitive job market.

### WIN THE MENTEE OF THE YEAR AWARD

This award is given to a mentee who demonstrates exceptional progress, contributes to the programme, and exhibits a strong understanding of cybersecurity principles.

### CAREER COACHING

Through group one-on-one sessions with experienced career specialists, mentees receive tailored advice on resume building, interview preparation, and job search strategies. This support helps them identify their strengths, set achievable career goals, and develop a clear plan to reach those goals.

### GOVERNORS FOR SCHOOLS

Becoming part of the Governor for School initiative. This programme is designed to empower mentees to have the confidence to apply to school governance roles and lend your voices to school boards.



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ARE YOU READY TO TAKE YOUR  
CYBERSECURITY CAREER TO THE  
NEXT LEVEL?

**SIGN UP TODAY!** 

## ENROLLMENT STEPS FOR MENTEES

- Submit your application [here](#)
- You'll be invited to a selection interview via myInterview
- Await a confirmation email if selected

**Join us and become part of a community that is not just about growth, we're also about joining the fight for a safer online world.**