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Position Available: Undergraduate Student Researcher

Directory Services and Identity, Credentials, and Access Management (ICAM) on DDIL Mission-Critical Networks

The Cyber Security Evaluation and Assurance (CyberSEA) Research Lab at Carleton University is actively seeking an undergraduate student researcher to contribute to the next phase of funded research project titled "Directory Services and Identity, Credentials, and Access Management (ICAM) on DDIL Mission-Critical Networks." The project will be conducted in collaboration with General Dynamics Mission Systems - Canada (GDMS-C).

Position Details

- **Position:** Undergraduate Student Researcher
- **Expected Start/End Dates:** January 2027 — April 2027
- **Hours:** Part-Time (10-20 hours per week)
- **Duties and Responsibilities:** Perform programming, deployment, and testing tasks to support research project activities; prepare technical reports and demonstrations.
- **Salary:** Successful candidates will receive compensation in the form of an undergraduate research assistantship. The hourly rate will be determined at the time of the offer, taking into consideration factors such as academic standing, relevant experience, research potential, and available funding. The minimum hourly rate is $25.00/hour.

Project Description

This project explores and evaluates alternative directory services and Identity, Credential, and Access Management (ICAM) solutions for Disconnected, Disrupted, Intermittent, and Limited-bandwidth (DDIL) operational environments. The research focuses on identifying viable alternatives to Microsoft Active Directory and assessing their suitability for providing reliable identity and access management under constrained network conditions.

This position will focus on deploying and testing selected directory services and ICAM solutions in a virtualized environment to evaluate their functionality, performance, and suitability for DDIL operations. The candidate will also undertake software development and programming tasks to address implementation challenges and enhance existing systems.

Desired Skills/Qualifications

Suitable candidates will be enrolled in Bachelor's degree in Software Engineering, Computer Science, Information Technology, or a related field **at Carleton University**. Ideal candidates will be self-motivated with an ability to work independently and to communicate effectively in a team environment. A good understanding of directory services and ICAM concepts and hands-on experience deploying and configuring Linux-based directory solutions (OpenLDAP, Keycloak, or similar) and basic scripting skills in python or bash are considered strong assets.

Research Environment

The successful candidate will join a collaborative, interdisciplinary research environment within the General Dynamics Mission Systems–Canada/Carleton University Cyber Operations Reference Lab (GCOR Lab), hosted by the CyberSEA Research Lab at Carleton University. The GCOR Lab supports applied research in cybersecurity and cyber operations, bringing together projects in cyber training and simulation, network modelling, artificial intelligence, and resilient network services. The candidate will have opportunities to collaborate with undergraduate researchers, graduate students, and postdoctoral fellows working on complementary projects, engage with the broader research activities of the CyberSEA Research Lab, and interact with industry partners and other project stakeholders.

The candidate will receive regular research supervision and participate in research group meetings, technical discussions, collaborative development activities, and peer mentoring. Training and professional development will include research methodologies, technical skills relevant to the project, practical experience with cybersecurity tools and technologies, scientific writing, and the effective communication of research results. The collaborative environment will provide opportunities to learn from researchers with different levels of experience and contribute to multidisciplinary research activities.

The candidate will be encouraged and supported in presenting their work at research and professional events, contributing to technical reports and scholarly publications, and developing the skills needed to conduct independent research and collaborate effectively within a research team. Opportunities to engage directly with project partners, including General Dynamics Mission Systems–Canada, will provide exposure to industry perspectives, applied research challenges, and the practical considerations involved in translating research outcomes into operational contexts.

Application Enquiries

Due to the high volume of generic and automated enquiries, only messages that explicitly identify an open position currently posted by the CyberSEA Research Lab and clearly explain how the applicant's background, experience, and research interests align with that position will be considered. Generic enquiries or messages that do not demonstrate a specific connection to the advertised project will not receive a response.

How to Apply

Interested applicants are to send a **CV** and **Statement of Interest** detailing your research interests, background, and experience by email to the CyberSEA Lab Director (Jason Jaskolka: jason.jaskolka@carleton.ca) and Project Lead Researcher (Ali Sadeghi Jahromi: AliSadeghijahromi@cmail.carleton.ca). Please include the specific **position posting number** in the subject line of your email.

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For more information about how to apply, please visit: https://carleton.ca/cybersea/positions-available/

Application Deadline

Applications will be reviewed as they arrive until a suitable candidate is found.