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The RSAC^{TM} Security Scholar program occurs during RSAC™ Conference and connects 60 of the brightest up-and-coming cybersecurity students with leading experts, peers, and Conference attendees. The goal of the program is to share knowledge, experience, and connections to enrich the discourse on how to stay ahead of cyberthreats.

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Why Apply?

Meet the Legends. Participate in private functions and meet industry movers and shakers. Previous industry authorities have included Whit Diffie, General Keith Alexander, and Dmitri Alperovitch.

Enhance Your Learning. Hear from the experts and learn about the latest industry discoveries during Conference sessions and Keynotes.

Make Career-long Connections. Meet talented students from across the nation who will become valuable colleagues throughout your career.

Network with Future Employers. Connect with potential employers and learn about problems that the industry is trying to solve today.

Share Your Knowledge. Showcase your work to fellow university students, RSAC attendees, and potential employers at the Security Scholar Poster Session.

Eligibility: Undergraduate, Masters, or Ph.D. students in good academic standing, plus commitment to fully participating in RSAC Security Scholar activities as organized by RSAC Conference from Sunday**, March 22** to Thursday, **March 26, 2026**.

UM students should contact Prof James Purtilo (**purtilo@umd.edu**) for details and plan on applying (cover letter, resume, transcript and short research statement) by **11:59PM** on **October 18, 2025**.