Military-Business Cybersecurity Fellowship: 2016 Fellowship Application Form

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Background: The Madison Policy Forum, a NYC-based think tank, is convening its fourth annual class of Fellows consisting of promising young professionals from both the government and business communities. The purpose of the fellowship is to help build a network of future thought leaders in the area of cybersecurity and to provide those interested in cyber policy with a forum for developing recommendations and initiatives concerning the evolving relationship between the government and business communities. The Fellows will participate in strategic dialogues as well as contribute to the current discourse on the policy and legal challenges facing each community in the cyberspace domain. The 2016 class will consist of eight to ten Fellows under the age of forty, representing both communities, and will meet monthly from February to May 2016, with a final meeting in September 2016. In the summer of 2016, each Fellow will produce—ideally in collaboration with one or two other fellows—a substantive policy paper by August 31st. Past paper topics included darknet vulnerabilities, bug bounty programs for the U.S. Army, and geopolitical factors in cyber risk. Fellows will also be invited to participate in the planning of the spring 2017 Cybersecurity Conference.

Program Overview:

Mission: The 2016 Fellowship will focus on the cyber security challenges and opportunities presented to the military and financial communities, with a particular focus on cross-sector issues.

Program: There will be series of lunch/dinner discussions in midtown Manhattan led by moderators with significant experience in the national security and businesses communities that will assist the Fellows in exploring the political, legal, economic, and social angles of cybersecurity. These sessions will serve as the catalyst for the policy papers that the Fellows will produce. A background reading will be provided prior to each discussion that will introduce the selected topic. In addition, the fellowship will offer two day-long intensive sessions:

Financial Sector: The Fellows will spend a day with financial leaders discussing the challenges they face in cyberspace
West Point: The Fellows will travel to West Point to spend a day with the Army Cyber Institute and discuss DoD's challenges in cyberspace

Key dates:
  ➢ February 2nd: MPF welcome dinner and discussion
  ➢ March 3rd: Financial sector engagements and discussion
  ➢ April 4th: Cybersecurity Conference hosted by Fordham Center on National Security and MPF
  ➢ April 29th: West Point/Army Cyber Institute visit
  ➢ May 20th: Research topic proposals-working lunch session
  ➢ August 31st: Policy papers complete
  ➢ September TBD: Final dinner and discussion

Application Requirements: Advanced degrees are preferred, but not required. While a strong background on cyber issues is not a prerequisite, successful applicants should intend to pursue further work in the cyber field after the fellowship.
  1. Resume
  2. Two professional references, including phone numbers and email addresses
  3. 500-1000 word essay detailing your interest in cyber policy issues and identifying a preliminary topic for your policy paper. At the conclusion of your essay please include the following statement: "By applying to participate in the Military-Business Fellowship, I commit to attending all the scheduled events and participating fully throughout the course of my Fellowship year."

Instructions: Submit applications and direct any questions you may have to Mr. Timothy Strabbing, tstrabbing@virtumgt.com. **Applications are due December 18, 2015.** Notifications will be sent out by January 8, 2016.