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Overview

The X-Force Fellowship program is an opportunity for technologists and entrepreneurs to serve their country by solving real-world national security problems in collaboration with the United States Department of Defense. The X-Force Fellowship program is a full-time, paid opportunity and runs from early June to mid-August. At its core, the program matches highly talented undergraduate and graduate students and recent graduates with Department of Defense project sponsors to deliver rapid, early stage prototypes that help solve national security problems.

Participants

The X-Force Fellowship program is open to U.S. citizens at the undergraduate and graduate levels. Participants will possess a diverse set of skills ranging from mobile and web app development, data analysis and visualization, hardware prototyping, social media strategy, and technology scouting. Participants are provided the opportunity to work on a mission-focused real world project, participate in a professional development opportunity, work directly with military and national security leaders, and gain perspective as to how their skills and experience can have an outsized impact on national security.

Department of Defense Project Sponsors

The X-Force Program addresses real-world national security problems that require technical and entrepreneurial expertise. Department of Defense Project sponsors will be matched with a small team of Fellows (2-5) with diverse viewpoints and skill sets that match the project needs. Over a period of 10 weeks, the Fellows will deliver rapid, early-stage prototypes to the project sponsor. During the program, military sponsors must supply an Action Officer to engage with their Fellows on a weekly basis (typically 3-5 hours per week). Sponsors may be expected to provide Fellows regular access to facilities and personnel where appropriate and relevant.

Projects

All project work is done at the unclassified level. Projects often include hardware design and prototyping, software development, data analysis and visualization, technology scouting, communications and marketing strategy, and policy research. Successful projects are well-scoped with a clear end state and are achievable and deployable within 3-4 months.

Next Steps

Interested applicants should complete the interest form available on the NSIN website, here. All X-Force Fellows will be paid for the duration of the 10-week internship.. Any questions or need for additional information, please contact xforce@nsin.mil.

IMPORTANT DATES

Application Period:

October 27, 2022 - January 20, 2023

Program Duration:

June 5, 2023 - August 11, 2023

For more information, contact



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