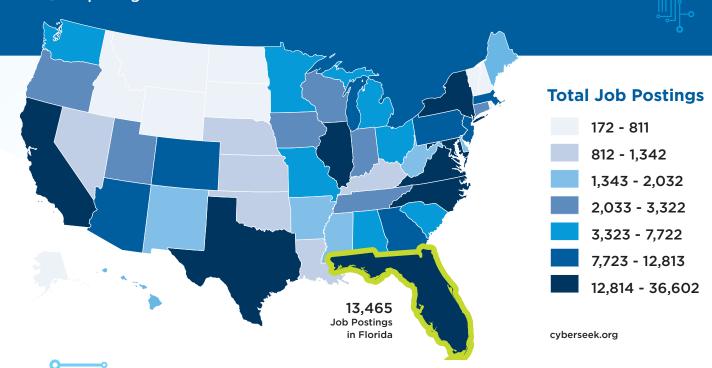# UNIVERSITY OF WEST FLORIDA
A CYBER COAST FOR FLORIDA'S FUTURE

THE OPPORTUNITY

Surrounded by military assets and a growing industry tasked with protecting classified information, UWF stands at the forefront in advancing cybersecurity innovation in the state of Florida. UWF is primed to enhance its nationally-recognized cybersecurity program to fill over 13,000 job openings in Florida and secure the state's future.

13,465
Job Postings in Florida

Total Job Postings

	172 - 811
	812 - 1,342
	1,343 - 2,032
	2,033 - 3,322
	3,323 - 7,722
	7,723 - 12,813
	12,814 - 36,602

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UWF Center for Cybersecurity

Launched in 2014, the UWF Center for Cybersecurity has earned national recognition through its partnerships and programs.

- Cybersecurity for All
- Florida Cyber Range
- State, Military and Defense Partnerships

- Stand-alone Degree Programs
- Centers of Academic Excellence Southeast Regional Resource Center

> **"Pensacola, Escambia County and the Gulf Coast region have the unique opportunity to create the world's best public and private sector cyber partnership, making the 'Cyber Coast' a recognized world leader in Cybersecurity."**
> —Brig. Gen. Gregory J. Touhill USAF (ret.), First U.S. Chief Information Security Officer

THE PLAN

With increased resources for cybersecurity education and talent development, UWF will serve as a catalyst for the cybersecurity industry, attracting high-wage jobs to the state and winning national and global recognition as Florida's Cyber Coast. This will be accomplished through innovative and scalable academic and workforce development actions as follows:

- Create a UWF Department of Cybersecurity.
- Expand the UWF Center for Cybersecurity capabilities.
- Develop competency-based and high-impact learning programs.
- Target and incentivize diverse populations for cybersecurity careers.
- Implement programming for career-readiness and timely graduation.
- Facilitate a cybersecurity community of practice and partnerships.
- Expand program and certification options to Fort Walton Beach to provide recently discharged military members a pathway into the cybersecurity field.

REQUEST

$8,800,000
Recurring Funding

RETURN ON INVESTMENT

Jobs • Economy • Security

- Grow qualified cybersecurity professionals across the region, state and nation.
- Increase students and professionals with core cybersecurity knowledge, skills and abilities.
- Create pathways for students to pursue postsecondary cybersecurity education.
- Propel Florida's economic growth.
- Advance cybersecurity protection and resiliency.
- Enhance visibility for Florida as a leader in cybersecurity workforce development and resiliency.