

Short Paper:

Patterns Surrounding Salary Expectations Among Cybersecurity Students

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Abstract

Salaries vary across cybersecurity careers, with specific differences associated with required skills, type of employer, and the employee's work experience. Using a survey of cybersecurity and criminal justice students, this paper explores salary expectations among cybersecurity students. Specific attention is given to demographic and cultural factors contributing to salary expectations. In addition, this study considers the degree to which expectations match reality and whether cybersecurity students are able to adequately set salary expectations in comparison to other types of majors. Implications for educating and preparing cybersecurity students for future careers are provided.