CYBERSECURITY LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

DATES

OCTOBER 15, 2026– APRIL 2, 2027

• Meets weekly live online (Wednesdays, 5:30-7:30pm PT)
• Two immersive in-person sessions at UW Seattle campus

TUITION

$7,950

TECHNICAL EXPERTISE MEETS EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP SKILLS

This 6-month program will equip current and aspiring cybersecurity executives with the skills to develop and manage effective cybersecurity programs that reduce risks, build customer trust, and drive profitability.

In addition to being technical experts, cybersecurity leaders must be strategic business partners who can translate the connection between complex security challenges and business outcomes. Learn to create cohesive security strategies that directly support your organization's financial objectives while strengthening your leadership capabilities.

COURSE OVERVIEW

• Industry workshops led by practicing cybersecurity executives
• Core business curriculum taught by UW Foster School MBA faculty
• Hands-on capstone project developing a comprehensive cybersecurity strategy
• Peer collaboration and case study analysis
• Direct access to industry leaders and seasoned professionals
• Valuable networking opportunities with fellow executives

Learn from industry executives and Foster MBA faculty.

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WORKSHOPS TOPIC-FOCUSED SESSIONS LED BY INDUSTRY EXPERTS

The cybersecurity executives teaching the online workshops bring real-world experience and insights into the latest trends, strategies, and best practices within the cybersecurity industry. Topics include:

- Risk Management
- Incident Response
- Vendor Risk Management
- Security Engineering

See the program website for a full list of workshop topics and descriptions.

CLASS SESSIONS LED BY UW FOSTER FACULTY

Learn essential business topics from UW Foster School of Business MBA faculty. These courses provide the business acumen necessary to transition from security practitioner to strategic business partner—a critical differentiator for senior leadership roles. Topics include:

- Corporate Strategy
- Building Effective Teams
- Leading Organizational Change
- Financial Accounting & Corporate Finance

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IN-PERSON EVENTS AT UW SEATTLE

The two immersive in-person sessions will give you the opportunity to delve deeply into the topics of strategy and leadership while you get better acquainted with your classmates. The in-person sessions in the fall will create a strong foundation for the rest of the program and introduce the strategy capstone project. The in-person sessions in the spring will give you hands-on experience with leadership principles and wrap up the program with a celebratory graduation ceremony and dinner with your classmates.

CAPSTONE PROJECT

Hands-on capstone project developing a comprehensive cybersecurity strategy with immediate applicability.

WHO SHOULD APPLY

The program is for ambitious, experienced cybersecurity leaders who want to invest in their knowledge of industry best practices and their ability to advance their career goals.

• At least seven years of experience in cybersecurity or a closely related field of expertise: Security, IT, Legal, Product, Board Members, Privacy Professionals, etc.
• Recent or current responsibility for overseeing one or more security functions.

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