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- Establishing a premier research program that focuses on the diverse problems related to security and survivable information systems, networks, and infrastructures
- Developing and supporting high quality education in security and information assurance

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- Professional development and book allowance
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