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Applications for Department of Defense’s Information Assurance Scholarship Program can be submitted through RCIA. The scholarship will provide the full cost of tuition, books, required fees, and a stipend to cover room and board. The scholarship is open to junior undergraduate students as well as senior undergraduate students, who want to pursue a graduate degree, as well as to graduate students. The stipend levels are $12,000 for undergraduate students and $17,000 for graduate students.

Students selected to participate in the DoD IASP will be required to sign a written agreement obligating them to work for the DoD, as a civilian employee for one calendar year.

Students who are interested in applying for the DoD IASP scholarship are required to submit a letter of intent, a one-page personal statement, and a detailed vitae to RCIA director (wchaoval@rci.rutgers.edu) by February 9th, 2009 5pm EST. Selected students will be contacted by February 11th with detailed information about the preparation of the final application, which is due on February 16th, 2009.

Students may contact the center’s associate directors for more information.