

Call For Proposals

Recent times have seen a significant increase in cybersecurity related challenges. Data breaches are happening at all levels of society, and cybersecurity attacks continue to strike all aspects of life from business operations within corporate organizations to smart home environments within residential houses. Amidst these digital times of big data breaches, AI driven risks and newly emerging threats, Northern Kentucky University will convene its **18th Annual Cybersecurity Symposium (Cyber18) on Friday, October 17th, 2025**. This symposium is co-hosted by NKU's College of Informatics and Salmon P. Chase College of Law. Cyber18 will bring together IT & security professionals, security & privacy attorneys, as well as students & faculty to provide a unique and diverse platform for discussions, presentations, panel sessions, collaborative thinking, workshops, and peer networking on a wide variety of cybersecurity topics. This event will include a broad spectrum of cybersecurity focused sessions, including keynote talk & panel sessions for a general audience, highly technical presentations & workshop sessions for experienced tech professionals, governance & compliance related legal track sessions, cyber-career focused presentations & panel sessions for beginner's level attendees, CTF competitions for learners, as well as academic talks.

We invite the broad cybersecurity community (including industry, corporate sector, and academia) for proposal submissions, that are applicable to the following audiences: *executives & managers, practitioners, tech workers, GRC & legal professionals (including security/privacy lawyers), cybersecurity career aspirants, including students and interested learners, as well as academic professionals, including faculty*. The following are some suggested topics/subject areas for the proposal submissions, including but not limited to:

- Securing AI
- Cyber Operations & Tools
- Cloud Security
- Cyber Threats, Cyber Culture & Cyber Education + Awareness
- Incident Response
- Zero Trust & Cyber Ethics
- Critical Infrastructure Protection
- GRC & Other Associated Topics
- Emerging + Interdisciplinary Topics
- Legal/Regulation Issues in Privacy, Security & AI

The following are the available proposal submission categories: **Presentation, Workshop, and Panel Sessions**. New this year - we are inviting proposals for talks/presentations/workshops intended for academia.

Submission Details - **Submission Deadline is Monday, June 16, 2025!!**

- Speaker/Presenter Name, Title & Current Profession
- Company/Organization Name (Professional Affiliation) & Contact Info
- Brief Bio, Proposed Session Title/Name and Expected Experience Level Of Intended Audience
- An Abstract or Short Description of Proposed Session (no more than 500 words)
- Proposed Session Type: *Presentation, Workshop, or Panel (presentation or panel sessions will be assigned a 1-hour slot with 45-50 minutes for the talk, plus 10-15 minutes for Q&A; workshop sessions will be assigned a longer time slot, which is typically 90-120 minutes or more)*
- Target Audience: *Executives/Leaders, Managers, Practitioners/Tech Workers, Regulators/Legal Professionals, Non-Traditional Cyber Career Aspirants, Students (College Level/K-12), Faculty, General Audience & Others*

To submit a proposal, please complete the following online form: <https://tinyurl.com/Cyber18-Proposal> by **Monday, June 16, 2025**. Thanks for your interest in speaking/presenting at the NKU Cyber18 event. Questions? Contact Ankur Chatterjee at: chattopada1@nku.edu or Abby Ober at: obera1@nku.edu