

# Advance Your InfoSec Career

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## Which career development activities are right for your information security career?

We have collected a list of career development resources intended for all security professionals in higher education, including Chief Information Security Officers (CISOs). Recommendations are provided by members of the [Higher Education Information Security Council \(HEISC\)](#).



### Getting Started

1. Use the [EDUCAUSE Member Directory](#) to strengthen your personal network. Create a profile and connect with professionals according to functional role (e.g., CISO), area of interest (e.g., Cybersecurity), or location.
2. Join the [Security Professionals Discussion list](#) or another [EDUCAUSE constituent group](#) (e.g., IDM, CIO, ITCOMM).
3. Join the [REN-ISAC](#) (if appropriate).
4. Join a regional security group.
5. Visit the [Toolkit for New CISOs](#) for additional resources.



Need more help getting started? Please [contact us](#) and we'll try to help!

## Staying Current

1. Read higher education IT-related publications. Visit the [Toolkit for New CISOs](#) for some suggestions.
2. Attend the [Security Professionals Conference](#) each spring
3. Attend monthly [EDUCAUSE Live! webinars](#) (free!)
4. Attend monthly [InCommon IAM Online webinars](#) (free!)
5. Attend [REN-ISAC TechBurst webinars](#)
6. Attend other [EDUCAUSE events](#).
7. Attend the [Internet2 Global Summit](#), [Technology Exchange](#), or [workshops](#).
8. Attend the [REN-ISAC Member Meeting](#) (Note: You must be an active representative of a member institution.)
9. Attend other higher education information security events (e.g., local/regional conferences) or attend non-higher ed information security events (e.g., RSA, Black Hat, ShmooCon, DerbyCon, DEF CON, local Security BSides).
10. Follow HEISC on [Twitter](#), [Pinterest](#), and [YouTube](#) for the latest news and resources.

## Career Development: Next Steps

1. Research information security and privacy [training and certification options](#).
2. Volunteer for a [HEISC Working Group](#). Or consider volunteering for an [ECAR Working Group](#) if you are looking for topics beyond information security.
3. Volunteer to serve on the [Security Professionals Conference Program Committee](#). Or learn about other [formal and informal EDUCAUSE volunteer opportunities](#).
4. Volunteer for conference-related opportunities at the [Security Professionals Conference](#). Sign up as an adjunct proposal reviewer, convene a BOF, facilitate a lunchtime roundtable discussion, or convene a track session.
5. Write or co-author an [EDUCAUSE Review article](#) or [Security Matters column guest blog](#), [Information Security Guide case study](#), or [ECAR research bulletin](#). Please [contact us](#) to discuss your options.
6. Submit a proposal for a seminar or track session at an [EDUCAUSE conference or event](#).
7. Request a mentor or volunteer as a mentor. View our [Mentoring Toolkit](#) for additional information and resources.
8. Co-chair a [HEISC Working Group](#) or chair the [Security Professionals Conference Program Committee](#). Also consider co-chairing an [ECAR Working Group](#) or an [EDUCAUSE Member Committee](#).
9. Take a [project management course](#), available through EDUCAUSE and the Project Management Institute.
10. Research [EDUCAUSE Institute](#) programs for future career considerations. Options include the New IT Managers Program, Management Program, Leadership Program, Leading Change Institute, and discussion-based roundtables.
11. Identify opportunities to work in a consulting or advisory role with a nearby institution. Or consider volunteering your information security skills for a local non-profit organization.



### Helpful Hints

- Apply for a [fellowship or scholarship](#) to attend an [EDUCAUSE conference or event](#). Or encourage your staff to apply.
- Use the [EDUCAUSE Career Center](#) to find a new job opportunity or post an open position on behalf of your institution's team.
- Visit the [EDUCAUSE Professional Development Commons](#) (a blog series) or the [EDUCAUSE Advance Your Career page](#) for additional professional development ideas.

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