

# IST Senior Cyber Director



## SUMMARY

The Institute for Security and Technology is seeking an extraordinary senior leader to direct our cutting-edge cybersecurity efforts. The ideal candidate will possess technical knowledge and a background in national security policymaking, high-level information security concepts, risk assessment methodologies, and integration of security practices. We are passionate, fast-moving, iconoclastic entrepreneurs looking for a team leader with high-level strategic insights, bold leadership, and creative initiative.

## THE ROLE

Your role will be to direct and grow the broad cybersecurity portfolio at IST. Our goal as a 501c3 nonprofit is to bridge the gap between cybersecurity experts, private sector, civil society, and government agencies to improve collaboration and progress in the cyber ecosystem internationally. We already have a diverse cybersecurity portfolio that prioritizes creating actionable solutions and working with technical practitioners to inform our work - and it will continue to expand in the coming years. This is your opportunity to develop and implement a strategic vision for this set of challenges.

We are searching for an experienced Senior Cyber Director that is entrepreneurial, mission-driven, focused on impact, and is comfortable talking to cutting-edge hackers, industry leaders, national security Cabinet-level Principals and/or 4-star generals here in the United States and around the world, to shape and guide our major cyber initiatives and serve as IST's main cyber liaison. Responsibilities will include development of strategic direction and delivery of initiative goals, setting the agenda for new and diverse initiatives, maintaining and expanding strategic partnerships with cybersecurity organizations, day to day building and execution of multiple simultaneous projects, and serving as a thought leader on behalf of IST in the policy and technology communities.

This position will work closely with the CEO to shape and lead a number of upcoming and ongoing initiatives, including work on the Ransomware Task Force. IST also works across the technology spectrum, with initiatives spanning BGP routing, botnets, AI and automation and data privacy.

This is currently a 100% remote position, though residence in the San Francisco Bay Area is preferred. Commitment, passion for, and/or willing to learn about ways that various national security and technology communities can come together to outpace emerging security challenges is a must. Below are key qualifications for the position. We recognize that not everyone may inherently possess all of the below, but individuals willing to learn and grow with us by 'jumping in the deep end' and willing/able to take initiative is an absolute requirement.

## QUALIFICATIONS

- Minimum of 6-8 years of leadership experience in national security, politics, government, or industry working on technology or technology policy
- Advanced degree preferred
- Ability to lead multiple large projects in tandem and ensure product delivery
- Experience building and maintaining strategic partnerships

- General knowledge of emerging technology trends like cybersecurity, ML/AI techniques, democracy, human rights and security, or digital vulnerabilities
- Technical expertise in at least one of the cybersecurity areas
- Experience and/or broad knowledge in national security and foreign affairs
- Desire to contribute to a dynamic team focused on cyber and national security policymaking
- Entrepreneurial and takes initiative with little direction
- Ability to work in a self-directed environment that is highly collaborative and cross functional
- Growth and partnership development mindset
- Experience managing and growing a small team, including interns
- Willingness to grow as part of expanding, innovative start-up
- Excellent writing and verbal communication skills

Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis. Please send your resume and a cover letter highlighting how your experience applies to the qualifications described above and your vision for this role. Anticipated start date: Immediate. Competitive salary commensurate with experience, ranging from \$100,000-\$140,000 plus benefits. Location: Remote possible, with Strong Preference for San Francisco Bay Area.

## WORKING AT IST

The Institute for Security and Technology designs and advances solutions to the world's toughest emerging security threats. We are a nonpartisan, nonprofit network based in the San Francisco Bay Area dedicated to solving critical international security challenges through better technology and policy. We are a growing national security and technology 501c3 Institute in the San Francisco Bay Area that is excited about the challenges we are tackling – join us in the fight! Organized to assess and incubate solutions to wicked emerging security threats, IST embodies the ethos of “bias for action” in order to outpace some of the world's toughest technology-driven security challenges. IST leads policy analysis, develops technology solutions, and convenes some of the best minds across the technology, national security, and civil society sectors. For more information, visit [www.securityandtechnology.org](http://www.securityandtechnology.org).

We are a passionate, close-knit team with an excellent remote workflow, and are in the midst of rapid growth. We take pride in our ability to move quickly, create trusted venues for action-oriented solutions, conduct cutting edge, world class research, and use those insights to operationalize the work and provide recommendations to government agencies, industry, and academia. The team values creativity, entrepreneurship, individual leadership, a sense of humor, a growth mindset, and a willingness to take risks, fail on occasion, and help grow this young organization. We are mission driven, intent on vastly improving the current state of national security and technology policy in the United States and around the world. We look forward to your application.

## HOW TO APPLY

Email a resume (as attachment) and cover letter (in body of email) to [info@securityandtechnology.org](mailto:info@securityandtechnology.org) with SENIOR CYBER DIRECTOR in the subject line.