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The Ohio Cyber Range Institute has selected the University of Dayton Center for Cybersecurity and Data Intelligence as a regional programming center for its demonstrated capacity, expertise, experience and commitment to develop and deliver programming in education, cybersecurity awareness, and workforce and economic development.

The center earlier this year was awarded more than \$277,000 in cybersecurity incentive funding from the Ohio Department of Education for deliverables it will provide as a regional programming center. These include simulated exercises in the Dayton Regional Cyber Range for hands-on training, instructional modules featuring UD's Cybermindfulness initiative focused on cybersecurity awareness, and sharing of expertise in the form of curriculum available to Ohio businesses, schools, governmental agencies and individuals.

"We are pleased to be partnering with such an important statewide initiative," said David Salisbury, director of UD's Center for Cybersecurity and Data Intelligence. "Ohio can and should be a national leader in cybersecurity. The OCRI and related initiatives demonstrate the commitment by the State of Ohio, higher education and industry to provide leadership in this critical area."

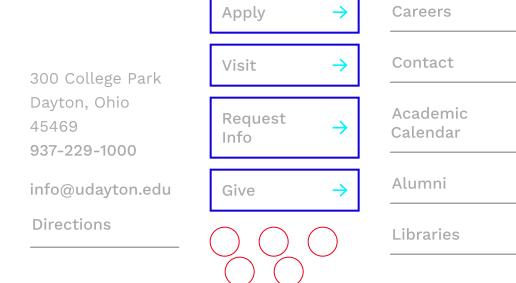
The Ohio Cyber Range Institute, hosted at the University of Cincinnati, is a statewide tool that advances an integrated approach to education, economic and workforce development in cyber-related fields throughout Ohio. It is an initiative developed by the Ohio Cyber Collaboration Committee and led by the state adjutant general's department at the request of the governor's office to improve cybersecurity infrastructure and provide innovative training and education to strengthen Ohio's cyber workforce. The Ohio Department of Higher Education, Ohio Department of Education, Ohio Department of Administrative Services and the Ohio Department of Public Safety also are partners in this collaboration of education, private industry, and state agencies.

"Securing the vitality of cyberspace is a national necessity, and Ohio is responding to that need," said Richard Harknett, co-director of the Institute and professor of political science at the University of Cincinnati.

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