The mission of the Institute for Cybersecurity and Privacy (ICSP) at the University of Georgia is to contribute to meeting the nation's cybersecurity defense research and education needs. The goal of ICSP is to become a state hub for cybersecurity research and education, including multidisciplinary programs and research opportunities, outreach activities, and industry partnership.

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A team of ICSP faculty and students competed in the 2016 DARPA Cyber Grand Challenge (CGC) and entered the final event. The first CGC event opened a new frontier in cyber defense as intelligent systems, not humans, competed in an attack and defense CTF-style contest. The UGA team was selected to enter the final competition from a field of over 100 qualified teams from the whole world. The event was the latest in a series of Grand Challenges issues since 2004 by DARPA. Previous well-known challenges included driverless cars and physical robotics. Both events had tremendous impact on the technology development and industry.