Since its founding in 1867, the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign has earned a reputation as a world-class leader in research, teaching, and public engagement. With our land-grant heritage as a foundation, we pioneer innovative research that tackles global problems and expands the human experience. Entrepreneurship flows from our classrooms to our Research Park, a space that houses everything from Fortune 500 companies to student-founded startups. We are consistently ranked among the top five universities for NSF-funded research, and our total annual research funding exceeds $600 million.

The Illinois Engineering program is one of the highest-ranked in the world, and our students, faculty, and alumni set the standard for excellence. We have a large and growing pool of faculty and projects concentrating on cybersecurity, both in academic departments, such as Computer Science and Electrical & Computer Engineering, and in interdisciplinary research centers, such as the Coordinated Science Laboratory and the Information Trust Institute (ITI). ITI provides national leadership in the creation of trustworthy critical applications and cyber infrastructures.

Over 200 ITI faculty affiliates are working to design complex systems that deliver predictable levels of reliability, security, privacy, safety, performance, and availability, even in the presence of unknowns. The Center for Cyber Defense Education and Research at Illinois is in ITI. It advocates for and leads a variety of programs and events related to information assurance and cyber defense. Over 500 students take computer security courses every year at Illinois.