The University of Missouri, Columbia, was recognized as an NSA Center of Academic Excellence-Research in 2019. As a member of the Association of American Universities (AAU), the University of Missouri is on the leading edge of innovation, scholarship, and solutions that contribute to scientific progress, economic development, security, and the well-being of citizens.

The Cybersecurity Center at the University of Missouri is located within the College of Engineering. The faculty collaborates actively across different units: engineering, information technology, education, business, law, medicine, social science, and mathematics. The cybersecurity research at the Cybersecurity Center is supported through research grants from the National Science Foundation, the U.S. Department of Energy, and U.S. DOD agencies, including the U.S. Army Research Laboratory, the National Security Agency, and the U.S. Army Engineer Research and Development Center.

With a commitment to student success, the cybersecurity faculty has successfully mentored and continues to mentor several graduate students and post-doctoral scholars. Prior students have joined cybersecurity careers in industry and academia. Cybersecurity Center faculty lead a Scholarship for Service (SFS) project sponsored by the National Science Foundation that funds M.S. and Ph.D. students specializing in cybersecurity. The scholarship recipients go on to serve at federal agencies or national labs upon their graduation. The cybersecurity faculty also actively mentor high-school students by organizing the annual “Hacker Tracker” camp at the University.