

CSAW 25

CYBER POLICY COMPETITION



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Cybersecurity

AI, Accountability, and Resilience in the Age of “Vibe Coding” and Data Poisoning

CHALLENGE OVERVIEW

Artificial Intelligence is rapidly transforming how code, systems, and defenses are built. “Vibe coding”, the use of AI-generated code by non-experts, and malicious data poisoning are reshaping the cybersecurity landscape. This year’s challenge invites students to craft policy recommendations addressing the security, liability, and resilience implications of AI-assisted software development in a world where AI systems may never be fully secure.

Competition info



RULES:

- Individual or team submissions (up to 3 members)
- Policy brief of $\leq 1,500$ words, in PDF format
- Addressed to a clear actor (e.g., government, industry, academia)
- References in APA or MLA style
- Upload via Google Form by 25 October 2025

TIMELINE

 25 Oct 2025 –
Paper Submission
Deadline

 29 Oct 2025 –
Finalist Notification

 5-7 Nov 2025 –
Competition Day
(Virtual)

AWARDS



1st Place: \$300

2nd Place: \$200

3rd Place: \$100

Registration Portal



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Links:

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