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Applications are invited for the temporary post of **Cyber Security Consultant, Department of Computer Science and Engineering, IIT Madras.**

Co-ordinator: Prof. Chester Rebeiro, Department of Computer Science and Engineering, IIT Madras.

Duration: Initially for one year, later extendable based on the performance.

Number of Vacancies: 1

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01	Cyber Security Consultant	Qualification – • bachelor's in computer science, Information Security or related field (or equivalent practical experience). • 2-4 years hands-on ethical hacking, VAPT or red teaming in enterprise environments. • Valid CEH certification from EC-Council (v12 or above preferred). • Strong practical experience with TryHackMe, Hack the Box, PortSwigger Academy (demonstrable profiles/paths). • Proficiency with Nmap, Burp Suite, Metasploit, Kali toolset and scripting (Python, Bash, PowerShell). • Solid networking, OS internals (Windows/Linux), web-app security, OWASP Top 10 and secure baselines. • DevSecOps toolchains: Git workflows, CI/CD (Jenkins, GitLab CI, GitHub Actions, Azure DevOps), Docker/K8s and pipeline-integrated testing. Experience - 2-4 years	Rs 1,00,000/- Per month

Job Description:

We're seeking a Cyber Security Consultant for our onsite team at IIT Madras, Mhow. The ideal candidate brings 2–4 years of hands-on VAPT/red-teaming experience, a valid CEH (v12+) certification, and strong skills

in penetration testing, cyber-range scenario design, and DevSecOps-aligned security (CI/CD, cloud, IaC).

Key Responsibilities

- **Penetration testing & red teaming:** Plan and execute web, network, cloud and on-prem tests, aligning scenarios with client threat models and business processes.
- **Cyber ranges & CTFs:** Build realistic attack scenarios, ranges, labs and capture-the-flag exercises for internal training and client environments across skill levels.
- **Learning paths:** Use TryHackMe, Hack The Box and similar labs to design, customize and evaluate structured paths for beginner–advanced practitioners.
- **Vulnerability assessments:** Run end-to-end discovery, validation, exploitation and PoC demos with clear risk ratings, business-impact narratives and prioritized remediation.
- **Adversary simulation:** Work with SOC, blue team, IR and product engineering to simulate TTPs, enhance detections and validate control effectiveness.
- **Purple-team exercises:** Design and facilitate exercises mapping detections to MITRE ATT&CK, reducing detection gaps and refining response playbooks.
- **Reporting:** Prepare detailed technical reports and exploit walkthroughs for engineers, plus concise executive summaries for non-technical stakeholders.
- **Stakeholder briefings:** Present findings, PoCs and mitigation strategies to client leadership, security committees and Dev/DevOps teams, adapting to the audience.
- **Threat research:** Stay current with the latest exploits, tooling and offensive curriculum (OSCP-style TTPs, cloud & API attacks, supply-chain and CI/CD).
- **Detection validation:** Integrate red-team findings with SIEM, EDR, XDR and SOAR to validate alert coverage, correlation rules and automated response.
- **Realistic telemetry:** Design tests generating telemetry across endpoints, networks, identity providers and cloud services, ensuring SIEM/XDR visibility.
- **Detection tuning:** Partner with SOC analysts to tune SIEM rules, EDR policies and XDR logic - cutting false positives and improving MTTD/MTTR.
- **Enterprise attack chains:** Apply deep Windows, Linux and enterprise knowledge (Active Directory, virtualization, containers) to model lateral movement.

- **CI/CD & cloud exploitation:** Assess and exploit weaknesses in CI/CD pipelines, IaC, cloud-native services and DevOps tooling in DevSecOps-aligned exercises.
- **Secure SDLC:** Embed controls into SDLC and CI/CD with Dev, DevOps and SRE teams — secure coding, automated testing, hardened build/deploy pipelines.
- **Hardening guidance:** Advise on secure configuration, patch and secret management, and leastprivilege design across OS, containers and cloud.

The last date for submission of online application is 07.09.2026.

General Instructions to the candidates

- 1) All the positions are on purely contract basis.
- 2) The completion of the period of contract will not confer any right for further extension, regularization, permanency at the Institute.
- 3) Candidates should apply online only in the website https://icandsr.iitm.ac.in/careers/current_openings.php - **(Please check the advertisement number Advt.168/2026 displayed and submit the application for the relevant position).**
- 4) Separate application has to be filled for each post.
- 5) The system will accept single application only with the registered login ID (email) for an advertisement, hence the candidate is requested to select the multiple positions (In case, the candidate wishes to apply for more than one position) before the submission of application.
- 6) The application cannot be edited, reverted once it is submitted.
- 7) Candidates should not attempt to apply twice for the same post. If multiple applications are received from a candidate for the same post, the candidature will be liable to be rejected.
- 8) Candidates should follow the prescribed procedure for submission of online application.
- 9) Candidates are advised to fill their correct and active e-mail addresses in the online application as all correspondence will be made by the Institute through e-mail only.
- 10) The candidates applying for any post should ensure that they fulfil all the eligibility conditions for the post. Their admission to any stage of the selection process will be purely provisional subject to confirmation that they satisfy the prescribed eligibility conditions. Mere issue of registration certificate / call letter to the candidate will not imply that the candidature has been found eligible.
- 11) After successful online submission of application, a printout of the application form must be obtained and submitted when called for test. It will be required at the time of document verification/test/interview. Hard copy of the application is NOT to be sent to the Institute.
- 12) Candidates must be citizens of India. Persons who have migrated from Pakistan with the intention of permanently settling in India or subjects of Nepal are also eligible, but in their case a certificate of eligibility from the Government of India will be necessary for appointment. Such candidates should apply to the

Government of India in the Ministry of Home Affairs for necessary certificate and furnish satisfactory proof of having so applied.

- 13) The prescribed qualifications are minimum and unless specified, they are required for consideration for the post, even if higher qualification has been acquired and the mere fact that a candidate possesses the same will not entitle them for being called for interview.
- 14) Relevant experience gained after the minimum qualifying degree will only be taken into consideration. Minimum requirements of qualifications and/or experience can be relaxed in respect of exceptionally outstanding candidates.
- 15) The experience required is relaxable at the discretion of the Institute in the case of candidates belonging to the Scheduled Caste / Scheduled Tribe, if at any stage of selection, the competent authority is of the opinion that sufficient number of candidates from these communities possessing the requisite experience are not likely to be available to fill up the vacancy reserved for them.
- 16) The Institute reserves the right to restrict the number of candidates for written / skill test / interview to a reasonable limit on the basis of qualifications, level and relevance of experience higher than the minimum prescribed in the advertisement and other academic achievements. The Institute also reserves the right of rejecting any or all the applications without assigning any reasons, therefore.
- 17) Calling a candidate for test/interview merely indicates that it is felt that the candidate with others may be suitable for the post and conveys no assurance whatsoever that they will be recommended or selected or their conditions specified in the application will be accepted.
- 18) Candidates will be short-listed for Test/Interview on the basis of the information provided by them in their online applications. They must ensure that such information is true. If at any subsequent stage or at the time of Test/Interview any information given by them or any claim made by them in their online applications is found to be false, their candidature will be liable to be rejected.
- 19) The Institute shall verify the antecedents or documents submitted by a candidate at any time at the time of appointment or during the tenure of the service. In case, it is detected that the documents submitted by the candidates are fake or the candidate has clandestine antecedents/background and has suppressed the said information, then their services shall be liable to be terminated.
- 20) In case of any inadvertent mistake in the process of selection which may be detected at any stage even after the issue of appointment letter, the Institute reserves the right to modify/ withdraw/ cancel any communication made to the candidates.
- 21) Applicants who are working in **any one of the Project at IIT Madras**, must apply through proper channel otherwise they will be required to produce No-Objection Certificate at the time of document verification/Test/Interview. Candidates without NOC will not be permitted to appear for Test/Interview.
- 22) Candidates may send testimonials from persons intimately acquainted with their work and character. If the applicant is in employment, the candidate should submit testimonials from the most recent employer or immediate superior as a referee.
- 23) The Institute has a right to decide the mode of screening and testing the applicant for short listing and selection.
- 24) The Institute solely reserves the right not to fill any advertised position without assigning any reason

- 25) Only shortlisted applicants will be contacted.
- 26) No correspondence whatsoever will be entertained from candidates regarding conduct and result of test/interview and reasons for not being called for interview. Canvassing in any form will be a disqualification.
- 27) The crucial date for determining the eligibility criteria for all candidates in every respect shall be the prescribed closing date for submission of online application.
- 28) The Institute strives to have a workforce which reflects gender balance and women candidates are encouraged to apply.
- 29) Any corrigendum/clarifications on this advertisement, if necessary, shall be uploaded on website and no separate communication will be sent for this purpose.
- 30) If there is any issue to submit the application please send E-mail to : icsrrcruitment6@icsrpis.iitm.ac.in / icsrrcruitment@icsrpis.iitm.ac.in **Contact: 044- 2257 8843** on all working days from **9.00 AM to 05.30 PM (Monday to Friday – except National Holidays)**. (Please note, only technical issues will be accepted – No interim correspondence with reference to the selection process will be considered).
- 31) **Instructions to apply online:** Eligible applicants would require to register and apply online through https://icandsr.iitm.ac.in/careers/current_openings.php and submit the application.

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