"The STI Master's Program helped me advance and gave my voice legitimacy. A master's degree with the SANS name, which is just so recognized, and GIAC certifications, which validate your hands-on skills – that combination is really strong."

– John Hally, MSISE
Technical Director of Information Security,
EBSCO Industries Inc.

Three
Reasons

why there's never been

a better time to earn a

graduate degree from the

SANS Technology Institute

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Technical knowledge is no longer enough

InfoSec professionals need both technical and leadership skills.

Employers are demanding a new type of cyber professional – the individual who has solid hands-on technical expertise, and who also possesses the skills and confidence to lead teams, manage projects, and interact with senior executives.

SANS Technology Institute (STI) has always been focused on this combination. Our programs begin with SANS hands-on training, the most trusted source for deep, technical knowledge. We add proprietary coursework to build the skills to lead people, mobilize resources, and communicate across the organization.
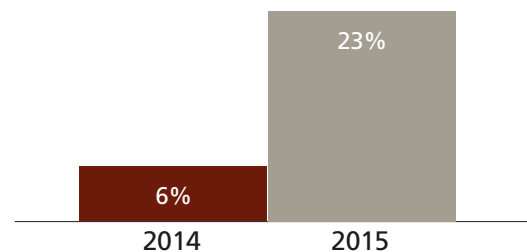
STI is the only graduate program that combines SANS technical training, recognized as the industry's best, with leadership and management curriculum specifically developed for the unique needs of aspiring leaders.

The best. Made better.

"Because of STI I am a more productive member within my team. There is a direct correlation between my education and professional career. STI has encouraged me to be more confident in my abilities from public speaking to technical knowledge and capability."

– Nathaniel Quist, MSISE Candidate
Incident Response Engineer, LogRhythm

Employer requirement for graduate degree has increased almost four times over.

23%

6%

2014   2015

Source: Burning Glass, Job Market Intelligence, Cybersecurity Jobs 2014, 2015

Real-world threats require real-world knowledge

Academic theory won't keep systems safe. STI faculty are more than great teachers, each has extensive, real-world InfoSec experience.

Only the top SANS instructors earn a place on the STI faculty. Our rigorous, multi-year selection process certifies fewer than 1 in 1,200 applicants and ensures every STI faculty member is both an exceptional teacher and an experienced practitioner.

"I looked at a number of different programs... I don't need more theory, I need more practical, hands-on experience and that's exactly what the SANS Master's Program offers."

– Kevin Altman, MSc, MBA, … now MSISE Candidate
Lead, ICS Cybersecurity, TransCanada

Faculty Profile Highlights

10 Years Average Teaching Experience

15 Years InfoSec Industry Experience

15 GIAC Security Expert (GSE) Holders

STI faculty experience, education, and credentials include:

- National Security Agency
- Pentagon
- FBI Academy
- President's Telecommunications Advisory Committee
- Navy War College
- UK National Technical Authority for Information Assurance (CESG)
- Department of Justice
- White House Partnership for Critical Infrastructure Security
- Carnegie Mellon
- Virginia Tech, CISO, Director IT Security Laboratory
- Counter Hack, Founder & CEO

Reason Three

It's the best career investment an InfoSec professional can make

STI tuition options make it simple and convenient for InfoSec professionals to invest in advancing their careers.

The new STI Tuition Payment Plan allows master's degree students to fund their tuition in monthly installments over a 6-year period.

Funding for Veterans

Master's degree and graduate certificate programs are eligible for VA Education Benefits.

GI Bill.

Corporate Tuition Reimbursement

SANS Technology Institute is regionally accredited by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education, so tuition is eligible for most corporate tuition reimbursement plans.

"Nothing pays dividends like practical experience. Many programs attempt it, but STI helps students use the latest cyber techniques to pursue objectives commonly encountered on the operations floor."

– Matthew Toussain, MSISE Candidate
Director, Spectrum Information Security

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