Purpose:
The John P. Russo Fund for Academic Excellence and William J. Knight Scholarship have been established to provide financial support to current undergraduate and graduate students majoring (currently B.S. in Computer Science, B.S. in Informatics, and M.S. in AMCS with Computer Science, Data Science, or Cybersecurity Focus Area) in Computer and Information Sciences (COIS) at IU South Bend. The basis for these awards is demonstrated potential for academic excellence in COIS. The awardees will be selected annually by the COIS Awards Committee.

Award:
Depending on the number of applicants and available funds, each year the award amount is determined by the COIS Awards Committee. A typical award will be between $500 and $3,000. The awards will be disbursed during Fall 2021 for graduate students, and during Fall 2021 and Spring 2022 for undergraduate students. Award winners will be announced in Summer 2021.

Requirements:
The awards are open to current undergraduate and graduate students. Applicant must declare an intent to complete a COIS degree, complete an application form and provide a letter of recommendation from at least one COIS faculty member. Application deadline is May 10, 2021. Apply at [https://one.iu.edu/task/iu/scholarships](https://one.iu.edu/task/iu/scholarships) (Search for IUSB-Computer Science & Informatics Scholarships)

Undergraduate Applicants:
1) Declared major in COIS (maintain for Fall 2021 and Spring 2022).
2) Cumulative GPA of 3.0 or above (maintain until Spring 2022).
3) Successful completion of a minimum of 45 credits towards graduation (30 credits of which should have been taken at IU South Bend) by the end of Spring 2021.
4) Successful completion of at least 4 core courses in COIS at IU South Bend by the end of Spring 2021. (Courses determined by the COIS awards committee. For CS students, courses such as CSCI-B100, C101, C201, C151, C250, C243, & C335. For INFO students, courses such as INFO-I 101, I210, I211, I201, and I202).
5) Maintain full time status (12 credits or more per semester for Fall 2021 and Spring 2022).
6) Registration in at least 3 credits of COIS per semester for Fall 2021 and Spring 2022.

Graduate Applicants:
1) Declared major in AMCS with Focus Area in Computer Science, Data Science, or Cybersecurity (maintain for Fall 2021).
2) Cumulative graduate GPA of 3.5 or above (maintain until Fall 2021).
3) Successful completion of at least 15 graduate computer science credits at IU South Bend by the end of Spring 2021.
4) Maintain full-time status for Fall 2021 (9 credits or more, or students who are enrolled for thesis credits).

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If the student qualifies for more than one departmental scholarship, they will be awarded the one with the highest value. A student can receive at most one departmental scholarship at any point in time.