Cybersecurity may seem like a sophisticated concept, and indeed takes on many forms. This can include strategies for protecting identities and private information on the web as well as making the transference of information more secure on e-commerce sites. Our list of Top 15 Cybersecurity Professors includes those teaching and researching in the field or doing both. All of these professors have received their doctoral degrees, and many are recipients of countless awards and recognitions as well as grant funding. Others have launched very specific projects to help grow skills in students to help them be successful in this expanding field. As this list shows, there are no lack of experts and areas of interest when it comes to the subject of cybersecurity.

Dr. Hsinchun Chen
University of Arizona

Dr. Hsinchun Chen, Regents’ Professor and Thomas R. Brown Chair Professor at the Artificial Intelligence Laboratory at University of Arizona, recently obtained $5.4 million in grants for the university from the National Science Foundation. The first project, called AZSecure, has been funded through 2018 for $4.2 million and will help support approximately 40 undergraduate, graduate, and doctoral students. The other, funded for $1.2 million through 2016, looks at cyber attacks via use of social media analytics. He teaches courses such as Data and Web Mining, and Biomedical and Security Informatics. Dr. Chen has been published many different times, is a fellow in both with the American Association for the Advancement of Science and the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, and received his doctoral degree in information systems from New York University.