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**SCHOLARSHIP CALL**

INTERNATIONAL DIPLOMA

IN CYBERSECURITY

**1st ONLINE EDITION**

**From September 23rd until December 11th 2025**

Call Available in <https://www.agcid.gob.cl>

Chilean Agency for International Cooperation for Development | AGCID

# BACKGROUND

According to the 2022 Report on the Development of the Cybersecurity Workforce, Latin America and the Caribbean demonstrates both progress and challenges. The region has enhanced the creation of technical and policy related capabilities, however, it faces a shortage of skilled human resources like no other, which hinders the implementation of effective security measures. This lack of human capital is an obstacle for organizational development, making it an urgent matter for Latin America and the Caribbean to address. The existence of critical infrastructure whose administration can correspond to private companies, public sector, or entail a mixed administration, demands all stakeholders to commit to implementing of measures that strengthen skills in cybersecurity capabilities.

In June of 2024, the Chilean Agency for International Cooperation for Development, AGCID, and the Japan International Cooperation Agency, JICA, agreed on implementing the Project “Strengthening the Japan Chile Partnership Programme JCPP2030 for the co-creation of new triangular and regional cooperation mechanisms, which started in September 2024 for a period of three years that looks forward to generating new and innovative ways of triangular cooperation, in alliance with multi participants with common interests and a purpose of making the cooperation more efficient and effective; in addition to contribute to the accomplishment of the 2030 Agenda for the Sustainable Development of the countries of Latin America and the Caribbean.

The “International Diploma in Cybersecurity” responds to the necessity of training professionals of Latin America and the Caribbean that are skilled and certified, as well as, integrate safely into the digital economy and digital transformation processes, by the deepening of their knowledge and techniques for the development of projects in the frame of digital economy or digital transformation, thus contributing to the development of their countries in the region.

This Diploma will be implemented for three (3) years, starting in the 2025 Japanese Financial Year and consists of three (3) online versions (one version each Japanese financial year until September 2027) as part of the Japan Chile Partnership Program (2030 JCPP Project) and the Technical Cooperation Agreement signed between the Government of Japan and the Government of the Republic of Chile. The first edition of this Diploma will be implemented from September to December 2025.

# INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION FOR DEVELOPMENT

Chile has put into practice a cooperation strategy for the development, which reflects the promotion of the collaboration relationships between Chile and Japan towards countries of our region and are delimited by the foreign policy of Chile, which can be defined in two ideas: first, the “turquoise policy” which looks for the mitigation of the climate change and the protection of the ocean and ecosystems with special focus on moving towards a more sustainable development model; second, is the idea in relation with the “feminist policy” which demonstrates the Chilean commitment to the Human Rights and the participation of women in equal conditions. Therefore, having parity of composition will be encouraged in this and other programs of human capital training.

Otherwise, the strategy of the Government of Japan cooperation towards Chile determines as a priority the active promotion of the triangular cooperation and the support towards the accomplishment of the goals of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of the benefited countries. In this context, under the wing of the 2030 JCPP, initially agreed by the governments in 1999 and renewed in 2018, many initiatives managed through JICA have been made for the cooperation of the region.

# GENERAL BACKGROUND OF THE DIPLOMA

1. **MAIN GOAL**

Professionals from Latin America and the Caribbean are skilled and certified, as well as integrate safely into the digital economy and digital transformation processes.

# OBJECTIVES OF THE DIPLOMA

Professionals from Latin America and the Caribbean deepen their knowledge and techniques for the development of projects in the frame of digital economy or digital transformation, thus contributing to the development of their countries and the region.

# EXPECTED RESULTS

Once the diploma is finished, participants will have acquired the following skills:

1. Knowledge that allows them to face more complex challenges in cybersecurity in their organizations which creates an enhancing effect of the benefits for the professionals, their organization, and the community where the teams are developing digital economy or digital transformation projects.
2. Create an action plan to develop a concrete activity related to the subjects taught in the diploma.
3. Encourage the creation of a peer network in the subject where they can share experiences, doubts, and good practices.

# IMPLEMENTING INSTITUTION

The University of Chile has the mission of generating, integrating, and communicating the knowledge of all areas of knowledge and mastery of the culture. The fulfillment of this mission is made through the functions of teaching, investigating, and creating sciences and technologies, humanities, and arts, as well as the extension of knowledge and culture in its vastness. The institution ensures the performance of these functions with the highest level needed.

# DURATION OF THE DIPLOMA

The Diploma will be held from September 23 until December 11, 2025; in online modality is 12 weeks in duration, which includes 72 hours of seminars, workshops, and synchronic group activities (2 sessions per week, 3 hours each session).

This Diploma is 100% online (via streaming) through the Zoom platform for live transmission of each class from the teachers/experts and the Support Platform for Teaching U-Cursos.

The approval conditions of the Diploma are related to the following attendance and evaluation criteria:

1. Minimum attendance of 80% of the synchronic classes of the Diploma
2. Draft an essay and obtain the minimum grade of 4.0[[1]](#footnote-1) for approval.
3. Design Action Plans and individual presentations, obtaining the minimum grade of 4.0[[2]](#footnote-2) for approval.

# LANGUAGE

The Diploma will be delivered in Spanish.

# PROFILE OF THE PARTICIPANT

Professionals with a bachelor’s degree, technical degree of higher-level education, or of a professional university degree, which are currently working and have work experience in public or private institutions of relevance in the matter related to the Program[[3]](#footnote-3).

# BENEFITS OF THE SCHOLARSHIP

The selected participants will receive scholarship that covers 100% of the following items[[4]](#footnote-4):

* Enrollment and tuition fees of the program.
* Digital certificate of approval

# INVITED COUNTRIES

The governments of the following countries and regions will be invited to nominate applicants for the Diploma: Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Dominican Republic, Uruguay and the following States members of CARICOM: Antigua and Barbuda, the Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Dominica, Grenada, Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica, Saint Lucia, Saint Kitts and Nevis, St Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname, and Trinidad and Tobago.

# TOTAL NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS

The total number of participants from the invited countries will be no more than thirty (30) in total[[5]](#footnote-5) and no vacant per country is pre-established.

# APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

The international Diploma is aimed at people that fulfill the following application requirements:

Qualifications of the applicants:

* 1. Citizenship of the invited country and have residence in any of them. In case of being temporarily in a country different from their citizenship, the participant will have to apply with the focal point of the country of origin.
  2. Being nominated by their government in accordance with the proceedings indicated in Paragraph XI.
  3. Do not belong to the Military Forces nor National Defense.
  4. Must have a bachelor's degree, technical degree in higher level education or a professional university degree.
  5. Having work experience in a public or private field, in a subject related to the Program.
  6. Professionals working in public or private institutions of relevance in the matter related to the Program.
  7. Applicants whose first language is not Spanish must exhibit accreditation of language management, such as: certification from an international exam or copy of a university degree, in case of having studied the language as an undergraduate or postgraduate in a Spanish-speaking country.
  8. Have internet access for at least 6 hours per week for the development of the classes. Internet access and with the minimum requirements for the use of the Zoom platform, or equally, can access the camera and microphone.

# APPLICATION PROCESS

The candidates must deliver their application with the solicited information registered digitally via email (full copy of their application including signatures and respective seals) in the Focal Point of their country of origin (Annex VI) for the corresponding validation. The documents must have the following:

1. Application Form (Annex I) is properly signed by the applicant and their management.
2. Commitment Letter (Annex II).
3. Initial Report on Action Plan (Annex III).
4. Work Certificate (Annex IV)
5. Institutional Commitment Certificate (Annex V).
6. Degree Certificate
7. Applicants whose first language is not Spanish must exhibit accreditation of language management, such as: certification from an international exam or copy of a university degree, in case of having studied the language as an undergraduate or postgraduate in a Spanish-speaking country.

The interested parties must present their applications in the respective Focal Point to their country (see listed focal points in Annex VI), to validate their application. **The applications received without validation by Focal Point will not be considered in the selection process.**

The present call of the International Diploma will have the following stages and dates regarding the application:

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| **Stage** | **Dates** |
| Pre-selection of the candidates and application entry for the Scholarship Platform AGCID (for Focal Points) | August 29, 2025 |
| Selection Committee | September 8, 2025 |
| Publication of the results and notification of the selected applicants. | September 10, 2025 |

Applications will be received until August 29, 2025, and not a day later, with the chance of closing before the date appointed by the Focal Point of AGCID of each

country, therefore, must be confirmed in the country of origin of each applicant, according to the contacts in the Annex VI.

# TO CONSIDER

* + Applications that are incomplete, illegible, or after the deadline will not be processed.
  + Only applications officially referred to by the Focal Point will be evaluated. Applications submitted directly by the applicant will not be considered, even with the acceptance letter by the country of origin.
  + It is the responsibility of the applicants to attentively read the call with all its requirements, application processes, and all attached documents; as well as presenting their candidacy fulfilling the professional demands specified in each offer.
  + The data presented in the application form and the respective annexes have the character of a sworn statement, therefore, in case of falsification, adulteration, hidden, or presentation of inaccurate information to obtain the scholarship, the applicant will assume the administrative, civil and criminal respective sanctions, according to the norm of their country of origin. Likewise, the applicant shall be disabled for future call applications indefinitely. This shall be informed by the Committee formed for the implementation of the scholarship.

# SELECTION

Selection of participants will be made by a Technical Committee between JICA, AGCID and the University. The same committee can evaluate the pertinence of incorporating other experts in the matter of cybersecurity.

## The results of the selection committee will be published on September 10, 2025, on the website of AGCID, available on [www.agcid.gob.cl](about:blank).

The implementer of the Diploma will contact each participant via email to notify them according to the contact information given in the Application Form and will coordinate directly all the arrangements corresponding for their participation.

Relevant: Only selected participants will be notified and once they confirm the acceptance of the scholarship, will be forwarded to a guide with the corresponding instructions and proceedings to follow.

**The result regarding who obtains the scholarship is the exclusive resolution of the Selection Committee and this decision is unappealable.**

# REGULATIONS

## The participants shall respect the following rules:

* The applicants are responsible for giving current contact information (Annex I: Application Form) and for checking periodically their email accounts, in case of requests and official notices by the coordination team, according to the dates described in the numeral XII.
* The participants will adhere rigorously to the program of the Diploma. No requests for change or alterations of the initially established program of the Diploma will be accepted.
* Respecting the indications given by professors and keeping the good coexistence between the scholarship recipients of the Diploma.
* The Diploma contemplates its completion online mode for this edition. The dedication is 80% of attendance.
* To conduct all the needed proceedings for their participation in the program, such as having the authorization of their management, visa processes, among others.
* The interruption of participation will only be authorized in cases that are duly qualified and prevent the participant continuing the training.

# GENERAL PROGRAM OF THE DIPLOMA

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| **NAME OF THE PROGRAM** | Diploma IN CYBERSECURITY |
| **PARTICIPANTS (NUMBER)** | Maximum of thirty participants per version. |
| **DURATION** | * Maximum duration of hours: 72 hours * Synchronic mode hours: 72 hours * Maximum duration in weeks: 12 weeks * Online mode Diploma, synchronic classes |

*Chart 1. Diploma structure (Preliminary)*

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| **Session** | **Postgraduate and Name of the Professor** | **Theme of the class** | **Date** | **Schedule**  **(Chilean time)** |
| 1 | Dr. Daniel Álvarez Valenzuela | Introduction to cybersecurity | September 9, 2025 | 18:30 - 21:30 |
| 2 | Dr. Cristian Bravo Lillo. | Cyberspace. Attacks and defense in the physical layer. | September 25, 2025 | 18:30 - 21:30 |
| 3 | Dr. Cristian Bravo Lillo. | Cyberspace. Attacks and defense in the logic and human layer. | September 30, 2025 | 18:30 - 21:30 |
| 4 | Dr. Cristian Bravo Lillo. | Cybersecurity. Analysis of emblematic cases: Estonia 2007; Iran 2010; Sony Pictures 2014; Ukraine 2016 and others | October 2, 2025 | 18:30 - 21:30 |
| 5 | Dr. Cristian Bravo Lillo. | Cyberdefense. Cyberdefense policies. State response to cyberattacks and deterrence. | October 7, 2025 | 18:30 - 21:30 |
| 6 | Mg. Eduardo Riveros Roca | Technical aspects of cybersecurity. Risks management in cyberspace. | October 9, 2025 | 18:30 - 21:30 |
| 7 | Mg. Eduardo Riveros Roca | Technical aspects of cybersecurity. Risks management in cyberspace. | October 14, 2025 | 18:30 - 21:30 |
| 8 | Professor Andrés Peñailillo Cardemil | Systems of security management of the information and NCh-ISO27.002:2022 | October 16, 2025 | 18:30 - 21:30 |
| 9 | Professor Andrés Peñailillo Cardemil | Systems of security management of the information and NCh-ISO27.002:2022 | October 21, 2025 | 18:30 - 21:30 |
| 10 | Dr. Daniel Álvarez Valenzuela | Regulatory international scene. United Nations, Inter-American Committee against Terrorism (CICTE) - Organization of American States (OAS), European Union, and Europe Council group of experts. | October 23, 2025 | 18:30 - 21:30 |
| 11 | Dr. Daniel Álvarez Valenzuela | Cybersecurity as a public policy. National policy of cybersecurity. Cyberdefense policies. | October 28, 2025 | 18:30 - 21:30 |
| 12 | Mg. Catalina Fernández Carter | Public international right and humanitarian international right applicable to cyberspace. Sovereignty, duly diligence, international responsibility. | October 30, 2025 | 18:30 - 21:30 |
| 13 | Mg. Luis Serrano | Practical application of the international right to cyberspace. Human rights and their application to cyberspace | November 4, 2025 | 18:30 - 21:30 |
| 14 | Mg. María de los Ángeles Fernández | Regulation of critical infrastructure | November 6, 2025 | 18:30 - 21:30 |
| 15 | Dr. Daniel Álvarez Valenzuela | Law N°21.663, Cybersecurity frame | November 11, 2025 | 18:30 - 21:30 |
| 16 | Dr. Daniel Álvarez Valenzuela | Law N°21.663, Cybersecurity frame | November 13, 2025 | 18:30 - 21:30 |
| 17 | Mg. Michelle Bordachar Benoit | Law N°21.663, Cybersecurity frame | November 18, 2025 | 18:30 - 21:30 |
| 18 | Mg. Michelle Bordachar Benoit | Law N°21.663, Cybersecurity frame Regulations. | November 20, 2025 | 18:30 - 21:30 |
| 19 | Dr. Alberto Cerda Silva | Risks prevention model | November 25, 2025 | 18:30 - 21:30 |
| 20 | Mg. Rodrigo Moya García | Protection of personal information | November 27, 2025 | 18:30 - 21:30 |
| 21 | Dra. Magdalena Bustos Díaz | Legal and non-contractual civil responsibility and cyber insurance. | December 2, 2025 | 18:30 - 21:30 |
| 22 | Mg. Verónica Rosenblut | Budapest convention and new laws in cybercrime | December 4, 2025 | 18:30 - 21:30 |
| 23 | Eduardo Vilches Fuentes | Practical workshop: Government and compliance on cyber threats | December 9, 2025 | 18:30 - 21:30 |
| 24 | International guest | Emerging issues in cybersecurity | December 11, 2025 | 18:30 - 21:30 |

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1. On a scale from 1.0 to 7.0. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. On a scale from 1.0 to 7.0. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. In the selection will be prioritized candidates that are working in projects related to the national development of their country. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. No additional item to the mentioned previously will be financed. Personal expenses must be covered by each participant. [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
5. This academic program requires a minimum of participants to be taught and, for force majeure motives, could experiment changes in the schedule, teaching team, and/or mode of attainment. Any change will be informed by the Coordination of the Diploma. [↑](#footnote-ref-5)