**Elecia**

**Atlanta, GA**

**Her Story:**

I hope to obtain the understanding and knowledge needed to begin a career in Cyber Security. I wanted to gain an extra in-depth perspective of the subject matter. This would provide the knowledge and opportunity for a long-term career in Cyber Security and foster my personal understanding of the current threat environment and how organizations can assertively protect themselves.

Entry into the Cyber Security program enables me to bridge the gap between financial stability and financial inadequacy.  The best part of being accepted is, knowing that this an In-Demand Career training whose path leads to immediate employment.

 I began my journey in the Cyber Security program because I am aware that there is a crucial need for Cyber Security Professionals at all levels. I also chose to do the WIT program because it brings together women that are from various backgrounds and circumstances with the similar interests.  The program prepares you for the job by providing hands-on practice, reading, quizzes, research submissions, and stimulating dialogue to understand the current affairs in Cyber Security. The Women in Technologies website has the testimonies that encouraged me to be a part of this program.

In the past my focus was Application Development, now my focus is in all phases of security including the security of the application. This field is exposed me to new situations and opportunities. This will offer opportunity to broaden my skillsets relating to new demands.  Security is close to all our hearts because we all want to protect and defend our loved ones near and far. The job of security professionals is to identify, understand and then help address these risks from the technical perspective. The job has real impact on our lives for example a massive recall on pacemakers due to a security issue, which could affect any one in our sphere. Over time most of our lives will be shaped or affected by Cyber Security whether it is IOT, Biometrics etc. These impacts go beyond the digital space and beyond to the physical world.

**For reference:**

**Company Name:** Unemployed

**Work Experience**:

Software testing and QA

**Other Skills**: MS Word; MS Excel; MS PowerPoint; Outlook; Teams; SharePoint

**College Degree:** Yes, Bachelor of Arts

Major: Sociology

**Education**: Pega CSA, Pega CBA, ISTQB Foundation Level Test Certification

**Annual Income: $0**

**Citizenship:** Not a US Citizen

Authorized to work in US, currently in the US on a work Visa

**Open to Relocation? Where?** NA

**Observation characteristics from Emory (Outgoing, Quiet/Shy, Leader, Team Contributor, etc.)**

* Independent and wise student
* Participates in weekly lab help session and offers feedback and assistance to classmates
* Provides great insight and relevant information in discussions
* Team Contributor

**Competencies: (Interpersonal Skills, Cooperation and Collaboration, Time Management & Administration, Leadership, Communication Skills, Strategic Thinker, etc.)**

* Emory Academic Proficiency Rating: Advanced
* Leader - Always willing to help others
* Provides great insight and relevant information in discussions