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ITA International LLC and Virginia Tech Hampton Roads Center, Newport News Launches Data Analytics Program

Continuing its support for veterans and their contribution to Virginia's workforce, ITA International is partnering with Virginia Tech to offer the Data Analytics Education Program to select transitioning service members and veterans. Virginia Tech faculty and researchers will lead the 10-month program which gives participants the opportunity to learn new analytical methods and tools that support big data analytics operations. The program launches in July 2018 and lasts 10 months.

ITA International, a provider of integrated support services to government and non-government organizations worldwide, is debuting a Data Analytics Center and this program will provide veterans and servicemembers interested in working in this industry an opportunity to gain high-demand data analytics skills, build a career track, and join ITA's professional workforce. ITA International has a long history of supporting veterans as they transition out of the military and recently received the Virginia Commonwealth's Virginia Values Veterans (V3) Program *Governor's Award for Medium Sized Companies* and was the first recipient of the new 2017 Trailblazer Award as the premier employer for hiring Veterans.

ITA will fund the tuition for 20 qualified service members and veterans. Mr. Mike Melo, CEO of ITA International notes "ITA is proud to partner with Virginia Tech to offer the Data Analytics Program. ITA is founded on the guiding principle of "Serving those In The Arena" and we firmly believe in helping those men and women who voluntarily signed up to serve our country. The Data Analytics Program is another way to for ITA to help provide training and employment opportunities for our veterans."

The program is led by Virginia Tech faculty who are considered the foremost experts in their fields of research and who have pioneered many data analytics innovations. "Organizations use big data to improve their core operations and launch new business models," said Dr. Roop Mahajan, the Virginia Tech Lewis A. Hester Chair in Engineering. "Data science is a growing career path, and demand for technical expertise continues to increase."

Students will receive a certificate of completion from Virginia Tech Continuing and Professional Education, a unit of Virginia Tech Outreach and International Affairs. Upon completion of the program, participants will have the opportunity to apply for employment at ITA's new Data Analytics Center in Yorktown, VA.

Interested service members and veterans can apply for the program online through the ITA Data Analytics Center webpage (Click here for Application). Applications are due by 2 July 2018. Apply early because applications will be reviewed until the top 20 qualified students have been selected.