**Cyber Scholar Blog**

My name is Fatou Senghore, I am from The Gambia. I am a Chevening Scholar currently studying for a master’s degree in Cyber Security Engineering at the University of Warwick.

The reason I chose to study cyber security is because cybercrime is on the rise.

In 2021 alone, 6.4 billion phishing emails are sent each day. That’s why cyber security education should be a privilege and a responsibility for everyone.

Currently, there are 15 million job openings in cyber security due to the rise of attacks and the shortage of cybersecurity experts.

You will never be jobless when you study cybersecurity. It is a highly transferable skill that can enable you to work anywhere and travel around the world.

During my studies in the UK through Chevening, I was able to meet people from different countries around the world. I had the opportunity to travel to different cities in the UK and explore the diversity in culture.

Most importantly, having the opportunity to study in one of the best universities in the UK has enabled me to network with top cybersecurity experts in the world who are willing to help me work on my career plan ranging from the National Cyber Security Centre, UK Military and Police, and experts within the United States.

I would like to thank Chevening and the Cyber Policy department at the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office for granting me this opportunity. I believe that the knowledge and skills I have gained will help me achieve my goal to establish the first digital forensics and cyber capability unit in the Gambia Police Force.