

2024 Public Interest Technology Network Challenge Pre-Proposal Internal Expression of Interest

What is Public Interest Technology?

Public Interest Technology (PIT) refers to the study and application of technology expertise to advance the public interest in a way that generates public benefits and promotes the public good, particularly for those members of our society least well served historically and today by existing systems and policies.

More information about PIT and the Network Challenge grant program can be found in the RFP [here](#). Previously funded projects from all universities in the PIT Network can be found [here](#).

PLEASE PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

Project Title:

PI (name, title, department):

Co-PI(s) (name, title, department):

Funding Level: Up to \$90,000 Up to \$145,000

If asked by the committee, could your project be potentially re-scoped to a lower funding level?

Priority Area: Educational Offerings Career Pipeline

Please provide a description of your project in no more than two pages (single-spaced). Your two pages should include the following sections:

Project Plan – Provide a brief overview of your project’s objectives; method and process to meet those objectives; evaluation plan with measurable outcomes and/or indicators of success.

Impact – Please describe the rationale for the project and explain how the project appears likely to meaningfully advance the field of Public Interest Technology and further the goals stated in this RFP.

Justice, Equity, Diversity, Inclusion – Answer the following questions: (1) In what ways will your project’s objectives and method address major barriers to equity and access related to Public Interest Technology? (2) What record do you or your team have of serving ethnically, racially, socioeconomically diverse and underrepresented populations?

Partnership – List partnerships you have formally engaged or plan to formally engage to undertake this project. Engagement with partners is not necessary at this stage, but partner engagement will be necessary by the full proposal deadline of May 17, 2024. For each partnership or planned partnership, describe how you have cultivated/will cultivate a meaningful and equitable relationship with the partner entity. See [Evaluation Rubric](#) for guidance on meaningful and equitable partnerships.

Budget and Institutional Support – Answer the relevant question for the funding level you are seeking.

\$90k level only: What is your team's plan to secure buy-in from the university to help sustain the project's impact?

\$145k level: What specific commitments do you plan on securing from the university to support your project and sustain its impact?