2023 PIT-UN Network Membership Application

Membership Overview

Launched in 2019, the **Public Interest Technology University Network** is a partnership that unites colleges and universities committed to building the nascent field of public interest technology and growing a new generation of civic-minded technologists. Through the development of curricula, research agendas, and experiential learning programs in the public interest technology space, these institutions aim to develop graduates with skills and knowledge at the intersection of technology and policy.

By joining PIT-UN, members commit to:

Field Building on Campus—Members may choose to focus on some or all of the activities below, in addition to other initiatives to build the field of public interest technology on campus:

- Support curriculum and faculty development to enable interdisciplinary and cross-disciplinary education of students, so they can critically assess the ethical, political, and societal implications of new technologies, and design technologies in service of the public good.
- Develop experiential learning opportunities such as clinics, fellowships, apprenticeships, and internships, with public and private sector partners in the public interest technology space.
- Find ways to support graduates who pursue careers working in public interest technology, recognizing that financial considerations may make careers in this area unaffordable to many.
- Create mechanisms for faculty to receive recognition for the research, curriculum development, teaching, and service work needed to build public interest technology as an arena of inquiry.
- Provide institutional data that will allow us to measure the effectiveness of our interventions in helping to develop the field of public interest technology.

Membership Benefits and Commitments

Membership Benefits

- Participating in a learning community of scholars and practitioners seeking to prepare civic-minded technologists and leaders.
- Applying for grant funding offered to Network members.
- Complimentary registration and attendance by   Network liaison at an annual convening to discuss shared challenges and goals.
- Exclusive access to toolkits, training, and resources that are available for members only.
- Accessing workshops and seminars to showcase the latest advancements in PIT.

Membership Commitments

Liaison Activities—Designated university/college liaisons and Network staff will meet at least quarterly, either in person or via teleconference. Quarterly meetings will include reporting on field-building activities as well as opportunities to work on the following three areas as a Network:

1. **Annual Convening**—university/college liaisons and any participating faculty members will help to facilitate the formal annual convening to discuss programmatic progress, lessons learned, future planning, and strategies for success with Network members.
2. **Communications**—aid in telling the stories of public interest technology by actively engaging with your school's PR/marketing team along with PIT-UN membership to highlight and celebrate researchers, faculty, and students advancing the public good.
3. **Membership Engagement**—members must serve on one of our committees or working group. Members will be able to join the committee or working group for their institution's focus area. These positions will take effect in January 2023.

2023 Membership Exploration

PIT-UN is currently developing a curated experience where interested institutions participate in the Network while exploring full membership. We recognize that institutional commitment to Public Interest Technology varies. In 2023, we are creating an explorational pathway of workshops for organizations to develop their understanding of the PIT ecosystem and begin to develop their institutional PIT vision and mission. This process empowers a broad spectrum of institutions to investigate the University Network prior to fully committing to becoming a PIT-UN member. At the end of the explorative pathway, institutions can decide to enter as a PIT-UN member or decide it is just not the right time or right fit for their institutions. Exploration participants can participate in activities within the Network which include members-only workshops and seminars. Exploration participants cannot participate in any of the PIT-UN-specific funding opportunities.

PIT-UN Exploration Benefits

1. Participation in a learning community of scholars and practitioners seeking to prepare civic-minded technologists and leaders, and enhancing possibilities to make social connections that can lead to a variety of activities (e.g., external funding efforts, curricular developments) that are in the public interest.
2. Opportunities to apply for grant funding as a partner with existing Network members. (If the Affiliate member becomes a full member, they will be able at that point to apply for grant funding on their own or with any network member or affiliate.)
3. Complimentary registration as a liaison at an annual convening to discuss shared challenges and goals.

Type of Membership Application *

○   2023 Membership Exploration   ◉   Full Membership

INSTITUTIONAL CONTACT INFORMATION

Please enter your institution's name *

Please enter your name *

First Name

Last Name

Enter your official title or role at the institution *

Enter your institutional email address *

email@example.com

Enter your phone number *

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Enter your institution's official mailing address *

Country

Select... ⌄

Address

Address Line 2 (optional)

City

State, Province, or Region

Zip or Postal Code

Designee Identification

Designee and Team Support:

Institutions can identify two to three faculty, staff and/or administrators who have been given the mandate to pursue PIT within their departments and across the university or college.

In this section you will need to identify a designee with the capacity to work across departments; a track record of delivering programs/services that align with PIT's goals; and an ability to access a team of other individuals across the institution who can support PIT and PIT-UN including university communications, student career services, or development. Please be prepared to provide contact names for these individuals who should be included in the PIT efforts of your institution.

Enter the Designee name *

First Name

Last Name

Enter the Designee's official title or role *

Limit: 50 words

Enter the Designee's institutional email address *

email@example.com

Enter the Designee's Department or School *

Limit: 50 words

SUPPORT TEAM FOR INSTITUTIONAL PIT EFFORTS

Communication Support Identification

Enter the name of an institutional communication lead who will be working with the PIT-UN Deputy Director of Comms for internal and external PIT comms *

First Name

Last Name

Enter the institutional communication lead's title or role *

Limit: 50 words

Enter the communication lead's institutional email address *

email@example.com

Development/Foundation Relations Lead Support Identification

Enter the name of an institutional development/foundation relations lead *

First Name

[   ]

Last Name

[   ]

Enter the institutional development/foundation relations lead's title or role *

[   ]

Limit: 50 words

Enter the institutional development/foundation's email *

[email@example.com   ]

Career Counseling/Career Services Lead Support Identification

Enter the name of a career counseling/career services lead *

First Name

[   ]

Last Name

[   ]

Enter the career counseling/career services lead's title or role *

[   ]

Limit: 50 words

Enter the career counseling/career services lead's email *

email@example.com

Grants Management Support

Please provide the name of your grants management contact or the person responsible for limited submissions application below:

Enter the name of an institutional development/foundation relations lead who will be the point of contact for submitting an application to the 2023 PIT-UN Network Challenge Grant. (This person should have access to the institution's signatory for agreements and contracts.) *

First Name

Last Name

Enter the institutional development/foundation relations lead's title or role *

Limit: 50 words

Enter the institutional development/foundation's email where you want all 2023 Network Challenge information to be sent. *

email@example.com

SCHOOL PROFILE INFORMATION (0-50 points)

PIT-UN seeks to strategically add new members that will allow us to pilot and test the types of projects and initiatives that will have success within academia across a number of institutional types. Please use this section to tell us more about your institutional profile.

Region *

○ Midwest   ○ North   ○ South

○ West   ○ Does not apply as we
                       are an international
                       institution

Type of Institution *

○ Minority Serving Institution (MSI)   ○ Predominantly White Institution (PWI)

Educational Sector *

○ Public   ○ Private

Level *

○ 2-year   ○ 4-year   ○ Both

○ Graduate only

Student Population to be Served *

○ Undergraduate   ○ Graduate   ○ Both

Special Focus Institution (Select all that apply) *

☐ Faith-related Institution   ☐ Engineering Institution   ☐ Institute of Technology

☐ Other Technology-   ☐ Business & Management   ☐ Arts, Music & Design
  related Institution   Institution   Institution

☐ Community College   ☐ International, non-U.S.   ☐ Other Special Focus
                                  university or college   Institution

From your answer above, please select two (2) key PIT fields that will be your institution's PRIMARY focus of PIT field building. *

- [ ] AI
- [ ] Career/Workforce Pipeline
- [ ] Civic Data
- [ ] Civil Justice
- [ ] Climate
- [ ] Criminal Justice
- [ ] Cyber
- [ ] Data Analytics/Data Literacy
- [ ] Data Privacy
- [ ] Data Science
- [ ] Digital Divide/Infrastructure Access
- [ ] Ethics
- [ ] Experiential Learning/Clinics/Labs
- [ ] Fellowships
- [ ] Open Data
- [ ] PIT Law
- [ ] PIT Policy
- [ ] Racial Equity
- [ ] Smart Cities
- [ ] Smart Communities
- [ ] Social Justice
- [ ] Student Club/Student Network

Your Institution's Field Building Focus Area (select all that apply) *

- [ ] Curriculum and faculty development to enable interdisciplinary and cross-disciplinary education & research.
- [ ] Experiential learning opportunities such as clinics, fellowship, apprenticeships, and internships.
- [ ] Financial support of graduates who pursue careers in public interest technology.
- [ ] Faculty recognition for research, curriculum development, teaching, and service work within public interest technology
- [ ] Use of institutional data to measure effectiveness of PIT intervention strategies.

PIT-UN READINESS (all questions require an answer)

Please attach your response to the following questions (in total you will have approximately 2000 words in 7 different fields within the Submittable platform to complete your responses to the questions. This works out to approximately 300 words per question.)

1. The Network Seeks to Support Established/Growing Programs: Please describe your current and planned initiatives or strategies in public interest technology using the "Defining Public Interest Technology in Academia" framework and the five field building areas outlined. (0-20 points) (400 word limit) *

Limit: 400 words

2. The Network Seeks to Support Programs that Have Senior Administrative Support: Please describe the support you are receiving from your president and/or provost. Examples of senior leadership support include an agreement to meet annually with senior leadership within PITUN and to publicly support PIT initiatives that take place on the campus/university. Applicants should be able to find evidence of institutional support of PIT-UN via its strategic plans and its institutional communications. (0-20 points) (400 word limit) *

Limit: 400 words

3. The Network Seeks to Promote this Field of Study, Research, and Practice: Please describe your institution's ability to promote/communicate the work you're doing both within your university/college, to your discipline, and the broader public. (0-10 points) (250 word limit) *

Limit: 250 words

4. Working With Academic Institutions and Community Organizations is Central to the Success of PIT-UN. How has your institution approached partnerships with academic and community institutions, particularly those serving people of color, low-income people, and other marginalized groups, in the past and how might it seek to do so in the future? (0-10 points) (250 word limit) *

Limit: 250 words

5. The Network Seeks to Learn from Its Members: Identify the challenges and successes you encountered in your efforts to pursue public interest technology at your college/university. What strategies have you employed to overcome or navigate them? What have your successes demonstrated about your institution's capacity to do this work? (0-15 points) (300 word limit) *

Limit: 300 words

6. The Network Seeks to Support Its Members: How would membership in PITUN impact your efforts? (0-10 points) (250 word limit) *

Limit: 250 words

7. The Network Seeks to Diversify its Membership along a Number of Parameters: How will your institution enhance the make-up of the Network's membership specifically as it relates to students served, area of the country, type of institution, and field building areas? Of the list of current members, with whom would you like to collaborate and why? (0-15 points) (300 Word limit) *

Limit: 300 words

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

Applicants may attach no more than 10 pages of supporting documents such as excerpts of strategic plans, department overviews, or marketing materials.

ADD ANY SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS YOU WISH US TO CONSIDER WITH YOUR APPLICATION

Choose File

Select up to 10 files to attach. No files have been attached yet. You may add 10 more files.

Acceptable file types: .csv, .doc, .docx, .odt, .pdf, .rtf, .txt, .wpd, .wpf, .gif, .jpg, .jpeg, .png, .svg, .tif, .tiff, .aac, .aiff, .flac, .m4a, .mp3, .ogg, .wav, .wma, .3gp, .avi, .flv, .m4v, .mkv, .mov, .mp4, .mpg, .webm, .wmv, .epub, .key, .ppt, .pptx, .xls, .xlsx, .zip

If possible please label your supporting documents with easily identifiable terms such as strategic plans, department overviews, marketing materials, institutional PIT awards, PIT project plan, letters of support or commitment

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