Public Interest Technology University Network

The Public Interest Technology University Network (PIT-UN) fosters collaboration between universities and colleges to build the field of public interest technology and nurture a new generation of civic-minded technologists.

**Vision**

PIT practitioners place equity at the center of tech design, deployment and governance, leading to technologies that work for all, especially those who have been most marginalized.

**Mission**

To cultivate inquiry, education, research, and practice that positions the next generation of technologists to design, build, deploy and govern technologies that advance the public interest.

**Membership**

PIT-UN is comprised of 59 U.S. and 4 international members, including 70% of top tech schools in the nation.

Since 2019, PIT-UN members have created career pathway models for practitioners-in-training while supporting faculty in their efforts to make PIT a well-recognized and well-funded academic discipline.

Through new curricula, research agendas, and interdisciplinary centers, PIT-UN members are developing the capacity, expertise and human capital needed to make public interest the norm in technology.

**ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY**
**BOSTON UNIVERSITY**
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**CARNegie MELLON UNIVERSITY**
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**CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK**
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**COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY**
**CORNELL UNIVERSITY**
**DUKE UNIVERSITY**
**FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY**
**FORDHAM UNIVERSITY**
**GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY**
**GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY**
**GEORGIA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY (GEORGIA TECH)**
**GEORGIA STATE UNIVERSITY**
**HARVARD UNIVERSITY**
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**MISSOURI UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY**
**NAZARETH COLLEGE**
**NEW YORK UNIVERSITY**
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**PARDEE RAND GRADUATE SCHOOL**
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**PRINCETON UNIVERSITY**
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**Latanya Sweeney**
Harvard University

2020 Annual PIT-UN Convener

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Network members may choose to focus on one, some, or all six of the field-building areas, in addition to other initiatives. The Network seeks to center equity, diversity and justice within PIT programs and projects, leveraging the use of data and human-centered approaches to foster new solutions.

**NEW MEMBER ONBOARDING**
Applicants attend four sessions to learn key PIT concepts, build relationships and develop an institutional framework for success. Applicants who decide to become full members then set milestones and commit to an action plan.

**NETWORK CHALLENGE**
Our annual grant program has invested $14m since 2019 in new ideas to build PIT programs and career pipelines. $2.3m was awarded to 18 proposals from 48 institutions in 2022.

The 2023 Challenge will focus on Cross-Disciplinary Educational Initiatives, and Career Pipeline & Placement Efforts.

**SUCCESSFUL PIT PROJECTS**
include...

- GIS Certificate that increases minority student access to climate tech training and supports flood-prone municipalities (Miami-Dade College)
- Training and employing young people from marginalized communities as data wranglers (Georgia Tech)
- Cybersecurity clinics where students educate and support local businesses and nonprofits (Stillman, UC Berkeley, MIT & others)
- Machine-learning tools that help public interest lawyers and everyday people assess court proceedings (UT Austin)

**NETWORK ACTIVITIES**

- **FIELD-BUILDING AREAS**
  - Develop experiential learning opportunities
  - Support curriculum and faculty development
  - Prioritize Diversity, Equity and Inclusion in PIT
  - Share institutional data for evaluation & program design
  - Reward and recognize faculty engaged in PIT
  - Provide student scholarships and financial incentives

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- **WORKING GROUPS**
Anyone from a PIT-UN institution can help pilot innovative ideas to push the PIT space forward.

  **2023 GROUPS:**
  - Wiki Scholars
  - DEI in Cybersecurity
  - PIT @ NSF
  - Mid-West Regional

- **SPECIAL RFP’S**
Targeted grant opportunities to develop products, research curricula and programs. Past RFP’s include PIT Career Fairs and a Technologist Code of Ethics.

- **ANNUAL CONVENING**
PIT-UN faculty, students, administrators and institutional leaders gather at a member campus to learn about and celebrate PIT alongside artists, technologists, nonprofits, government leaders and community organizations.

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