

## 2024 PIT-UN Year 6 Network Challenge Grant Application

Is your institution a 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 or a 2023 Network Challenge Grantee? \*

- 2019 Y1 Grantee       2020 Y2 Grantee       2021 Y3 Grantee  
 2022 Y4 Grantee       2023 Y5 Grantee

Has your proposal received previous PIT-UN funding for the project? \*

- No, this is a new project proposal and have not received any PIT-UN Funding for the project       We HAVE NOT received 3 years of funding for this project we are submitting.       We HAVE received 3 years of funding for this project we are submitting.

Has your institution submitted all completed grant final reports to NVF's Arabella Advisors? \*

- Yes, we have submitted our 2019, 2020, 2021, and 2022 grant final reports to NVF through the Submittable Platform       No. Our grant project is complete, but have NOT submitted the final narrative and financial reconciliation reports.

**⚠ By checking this box, I understand that our institution cannot request expansion/scale (renewal) for any grant we have an active no-cost extension. By checking the box, I understand that is ongoing or has an active no-cost extension. No cost extensions and open grants limit the number and type of applications our institution can submit.** \*

Projects ineligible to apply for funding in this challenge are Year 4-2022 with active no-cost extensions or Year 5-2023 Network Challenge Projects that have not submitted their projects final

reports (narrative and budget reconciliation)

**Please select the institution that will be identified as the Primary Institution that will be receiving grant funding \***

PIT-UN Members

Code	Institution	Code	Institution
ASU	Arizona State University	NORU	Northeastern University
BOSU	Boston University	OCOE	Olin College of Engineering
BROU	Brown University	PRGS	Pardee RAND Graduate School
CALP	Cal Poly State University	PSU	Penn State University
CMU	Carnegie Mellon University	PEPU	Pepperdine University
CWRU	Case Western Reserve University	PVAMU	Prairie View A & M University
CEPI	CEPI FGV Direito-Sao Paulo	PRIU	Princeton University
CUNY	City University of New York	RIT	Rochester Institute of Technology
CSUO	Cleveland State University	SJSU	San José State University
COLU	Columbia University	STANU	Stanford University
CORU	Cornell University	STC	Stillman College
DUKU	Duke University	TEMU	Temple University
FIU	Florida International University	OSU	The Ohio State University
FORU	Fordham University	UTA	The University of Texas at Austin
GWU	George Washington University	UOS	The University of the South
GEOU	Georgetown University	UAZ	University of Arizona
GIT	Georgia Institute of Technology (Georgia Tech)	UCB	University of California Berkeley
GSU	Georgia State University	UCSC	University of California Santa Cruz
HAMC	Hamilton College	UCHI	University of Chicago
HARU	Harvard University	UEDI	University of Edinburgh
HOWU	Howard University	UIC	University of Illinois at Chicago
ITT	Illinois Institute of Technology	UMA	University of Massachusetts at Amherst
INDU	Indiana University	UMIC	University of Michigan
JMU	James Madison University	UNCW	University of North Carolina Wilmington
LANC	Lane College	UPEN	University of Pennsylvania
LOC	LeMoyne-Owen College	URIJ	University of Rijeka
MIT	Massachusetts Institute of Technology	UVA	University of Virginia
MMC	Meharry Medical College	UWAS	University of Washington
MDC	Miami Dade College	UVTEC	Virginia Tech
MUST	Missouri University of Science & Technology	WVU	West Virginia University
NAZC	Nazareth College	WMAR	William & Mary
NYU	New York University	WPI	Worcester Polytechnic Institute

**Project Title--Unique Identifier for this Grant Application \***

Limit: 300 characters

**The answer to the next question will be used to create a unique identifier for this submission and project.** The unique identifier in this step will follow the application form submission through grant management and project reporting if accepted.

**We need all submissions to follow the same naming convention,** Member Institution code from the chart below **HYPEN** Type of submission (N=new, E=Expansion) **AND** if the project also is a

(DS=Data Science\*\*) **SPACE** Submission Name.

**You MUST start your proposal with the recognized 3 or 4-letter institution abbreviation**

**associated with your institution** (view the codes in the chart below)

*EXAMPLES OF PROPOSAL - PROJECT NAMING CONVENTION*

- **New Project Example:** My university is the Colorado Community College System (CCCS) and this will be my first submission of a data project titled *Data Anomalies in Justice*. My proposal submission name would start with **CCCS-N Data Anomalies in Justice**.
- **New Data Science Project Example:** My university is the University of Mississippi (UMIS) and this will be my first submission of a new project for my institution the title *Exploration of AI Data in PIT*. My proposal submission name would be **UMIS-NDS Exploration of AI Data in PIT**
- **Expansion/Scale Project Example:** My university is the University of New Mexico (UNM) and this will be my third submission that is an expansion of a previous project with the title *Fellowships in PIT Environmental Justice*. My proposal submission name would be **UNM-E Fellowships in PIT Environmental Justice**.

**\*\*The difference** between data projects and data science projects:

- **Data projects** use data to solve problems and spot trends. They work with the data as a snapshot of what exists now. Data analysis collects, stores, and maintains data and analyzes results.
- **Data science projects** use algorithms and machine learning to improve the ways that data supports organizational goals. Data scientists model data to make predictions, identify opportunities, and support strategies. They use data to understand the future.

**⚠ I confirm I have entered the Project Name according to the format requested \***

Before checking this box, make sure the project is named according to the format listed above.

## Add the Principal Investigator to this Application within the Submittable Platform

*We ask that you please add the [Principal Investigator to this application](https://submittable.help/en/articles/3654810-how-can-i-invite-people-to-collaborate-with-me-on-a-submission) (<https://submittable.help/en/articles/3654810-how-can-i-invite-people-to-collaborate-with-me-on-a-submission>) as a Collaborator so we can maintain contact with them throughout the grant application and throughout the grant period. Follow the directions below to add the Principal Investigator to this application.*

**In the upper right-hand corner** of this application, you will see a link **Invite Collaborators**. Click on **Invite Collaborators**. A Dialog box will appear, asking you to enter the email addresses of your collaborators. Enter those addresses, then click **Invite**.

Invited collaborators will receive an email, letting them know you've invited them to collaborate on a draft submission using Submittable.

After you've sent invitations to collaborate, you can click on the **Invite Collaborators** link again anytime to see the status of your invitations. In the row for each invitee who has not yet accepted their invitation, you will see a **Pending** indication. There will also be a trash can next to each person's name so that the **Submission Owner** can remove anyone that they no longer want to

collaborate on the submission.

The **Submission Owner** is always the person who has sent invitations and will be the only user who can submit the application after it is completed by the group. **Collaborators** will be able to contribute responses and save drafts at any time.

**Please select the Principal Investigator's Institution (This will also be the institution that will be considered the Fiscal Manager for the grant and MUST be a PIT-UN member in good standing) \***

**A person may be listed as the Principal Investigator (PI) on only one Challenge application, but individuals may be listed as collaborators on multiple applications.**

**Please add the primary Principal Investigator's name \***

First Name

Last Name

***A person may be listed as the Principal Investigator (PI) on only one Challenge application, but individuals may be listed as collaborators on multiple applications.***

**Please add the Principal Investigator's title and department for the project on this application (10 word limit) \***

**Please add the Principal Investigator's email \***

**Will this project have a Co-Principal Investigator? \***

Yes

No

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## Institutional Grant Administration Contacts

Please add the Institution's Grants Office or Sponsored Research Office Point of Contact's name \*

First Name

Last Name

Please add the Institution's Grants Office or Sponsored Research Office Point of Contact's email \*

Please add the Primary Institution Network Challenge Agreement Signatory's Name \*

First Name

Last Name

Please add the Primary Institution Network Challenge Agreement Signatory's Title \*

Please add the Institution's Signatory's contact email \*

email@example.com


## BASIC PROPOSAL INFORMATION

 Project Summary (250 word limit) \*

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 Project Start Date \*




The grant term starts on October 1, 2024, so the project should start then and before the project end date of January 30, 2026.

 Project End Date \*



The project must end by January 30, 2026.

 Will this grant be used to support work that includes interacting or communication with minors (individuals under age 18)? \*

Yes. grant be used to support work that includes interacting or communication with minors (individuals under age 18)

No

 Will any part of this grant funding be used to conduct lobbying as defined by federal tax law? \*

Yes

No

## PROJECT INFORMATION

*Proposals that received funding from the PIT-UN Challenge in 2019 or 2020 and have received two (2) additional years of funding are not eligible to apply for additional funding.*


*Proposals that received funding from the PIT-UN Challenge and have only received one year of additional funding in either 2020, 2021 or 2022 may apply for additional funding this year to continue and/or scale their project.*

### Proposals with a Significant Data Science Component

The Challenge Fund recognizes that proposals for projects with **significant data collection and interpretation** will be characterized as Data Science projects that may require expert evaluation/review. Therefore, if your proposal falls under the definition of Data Science, you will be asked to answer an additional set of questions as indicated.


**Note Data Science projects will not receive special or additional consideration and will not be prioritized above other**

## IDENTIFICATION OF GRANT PRIORITY AREAS AND ISSUES

 Select the Network Challenge priority area(s) your project addresses (select one). \*

Educational Offerings

Career Pipeline and Placement

 Select the Primary issue area that most closely matches the issue area of the proposal you are submitting seeks to address. \*

Access & Digital Divide & Digital Literacy


- Algorithms
- Apprenticeships
- AI - Artificial Intelligence
- Clinic, Labs, & Institutes
- Collectives & Communities of Practice
- Crisis & Disaster Response
- Cybersecurity
- Data & Algorithms
- Data Analytics
- Data Science
- Democracy & Voting
- Design (accessible, inclusive, participatory)
- Digital Privacy & Security
- Diversity, Equity & Inclusion
- Education Innovation
- Environment, Climate, & Sustainability
- Ethics
- Experiential Learning
- Fellowships
- Human Rights
- ICT4D- Information & Communications Tech for Development
- Internships
- Justice-Climate
- Justice-Environment
- Justice-Gender & Technology



- Justice-Racial

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- Machine Learning
- Media & Journalism
- Movement & Organizing
- Network Building
- Open Data & Transparency
- Open Source & Creative Commons
- Policy-Internet freedom, net neutrality, & more
- Policy-PIT Partnerships (local, Regional & State Government)
- Public-Health
- Public-Innovation
- Public-Science
- Public-Service
- Quantum
- Technology-Activist
- Technology-Civic
- Technology-Co-ops
- Technology-Community
- Technology-Govt
- Technology-Health
- Technology-Non Profit
- Technology-Political
- Technology-Public
- Workforce-PIT
- Other

 **Select one Secondary issue area that most closely matches the issue area of the proposal you are submitting seeks to address. \***

- Access & Digital Divide & Digital Literacy
- Algorithms
- Apprenticeships
- AI - Artificial Intelligence
- Clinic, Labs, & Institutes
- Collectives & Communities of Practice
- Crisis & Disaster Response
- Cybersecurity
- Data & Algorithms
- Data Analytics
- Data Science
- Democracy & Voting
- Design (accessible, inclusive, participatory)
- Digital Privacy & Security
- Diversity, Equity & Inclusion
- Education Innovation
- Environment, Climate, & Sustainability
- Ethics
- Experiential Learning
- Fellowships
- Human Rights
- ICT4D- Information & Communications Tech for Development

- Internships
- Justice-Climate
- Justice-Environment
- Justice-Gender & Technology
- Justice-Racial
- Machine Learning
- Media & Journalism
- Movement & Organizing
- Network Building
- Open Data & Transparency
- Open Source & Creative Commons
- Policy-Internet freedom, net neutrality, & more
- Policy-PIT Partnerships (local, Regional & State Government)
- Public-Health
- Public-Innovation
- Public-Science
- Public-Service
- Quantum
- Technology-Activist
- Technology-Civic
- Technology-Co-ops
- Technology-Community
- Technology-Govt
- Technology-Health
- Technology-Non Profit

Technology-Political

Technology-Public

Workforce-PIT

Other

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## PARTNERSHIP

In this section, you are asked to list partners that you have formally engaged or plan to formally engage to undertake this project.

In a partnership, there is a **formal relationship defined by different partnership arrangements (MOU, MOA, Letters of Commitment)** where there is more of a co-mingling of resources. Individuals retain their authority, and a separate structure is developed to oversee or manage the engagement. ***Note that you should upload letters of commitment from all named partners with this application. (There are six fields to list partners.)***

**What is the difference between a partner and a collaborator?** In a partnership, **there is a formal relationship where there is more of a co-mingling of resources defined by different partnership arrangements (MOU, MOA, Letters of Commitment)**. Principal investigators retain their authority and maintain a separate structure to oversee or manage the engagement with specific or identified contributions.

A collaborator has an **informal relationship** with an agreed-upon way to make decisions yet operates independently. Collaborators retain their autonomy and have complete control over the individual resources they bring to the table.

Questions to answer for each partner:

- Describe how you have cultivated a meaningful and equitable relationship with the partner entity. See “Evaluation Criteria” for guidance on meaningful and equitable partnerships. **(200-word limit)**
- Describe why the partner’s involvement is essential to the project and how the partnership will operate, including division of work, role of principal investigators, and allocation of funds. **(100-word limit)**

### Does your proposal have or will have partners? \*

Yes, we have formally engaged one or more PIT-UN institution(s) as partners for this project. (1 input field so combine information on each PIT-UN partnership)

Yes, we have formally engaged non-PIT-UN education institution(s) as partners for this project. (1 input field so combine information on each educational partnership)

Yes, we have formally engaged non-profit, private or governmental partners for this project. (Field limited to 3 entries)

No, this proposal has not formally engaged partners or will not engage partners in this project.

This question is multiple selection. If you select more than one type of partner, you will fill out information on each type of partner. You will also be required to submit letters of commitment, MOA, or MOUs for each partner. Partners listed with out letters of commitment, MOA or MOUs will be evaluated the same as those proposals that have not engaged partners in the project. To ensure that the application isn't too laborious in detailing partners

**■ Please select the PIT-UN member institution(s) that will be a partner in this project AND will be receiving grant funding. Select all that you have a formal agreement to share funding. \***

- Arizona State University (ASU),
- Boston University (BOSU),
- Brown University (BROU),
- Cal Poly State University (CALP),
- Carnegie Mellon University (CMU),
- Case Western Reserve University (CWRU),
- CEPI FGV Direito-Sao Paulo (CEPI),
- Cleveland State University (CSUO),
- Columbia University (COLU),
- Cornell University (CORU),
- Duke University (DUKU),
- Florida International University (FIU),
- Fordham University (FORU),
- Georgetown University (GEOU),
- Georgia State University (GSU),
- Georgia Tech (Georgia Institute of Technology) (GIT),

- Harvard University (HARU),
- Howard University (HOWU),
- Illinois Institute of Technology (IIT),
- Indiana University-Bloomington (INUB),
- James Madison University (JMU),
- Lane College (LANC),
- LeMoyne-Owen College (LOC),
- Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT),
- MeHarry Medical College (MMC),
- Miami Dade College (MDC),
- Missouri University of Science & Technology (MUST),
- Nazareth College (NAZC),
- New York University (NYU),
- Northeastern University (NORU),
- Olin College of Engineering (OCOE),
- Pardee RAND Graduate School (PRGS),
- Prairie View A&M University (PVAM),
- Penn State University (PSU),
- Pepperdine University (PEPU),
- Princeton University (PRIU),
- Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT),
- San Jose State University (SJSU),
- Stanford University (STAU),
- Stillman College (STC),
- Temple University (TEMU),

- The City University of New York (CUNY),
- The George Washington University (GWU),
- The Ohio State University (OSU),
- The University of Texas at Austin (UTA),
- The University of the South (UOS),
- University of Arizona (UAZ),
- University of California Berkeley (UCB),
- University of California Santa Cruz (UCSC),
- University of Chicago (UCHI),
- University of Edinburgh (UEDI),
- University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC),
- University of Massachusetts at Amherst (UMA),
- University of Michigan (UMIC),
- University of Pennsylvania (UPEN),
- University of Rijeka (URIJ),
- University of Virginia (UVA),
- University of Washington (UWAS),
- Virginia Tech (VTEC),
- West Virginia University (WVU),
- William & Mary (WMAR),
- Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI),

**Is (Are) the partner(s) a Minority Serving Institution or a Historically Black College or University? \***

Yes

No

**■ Describe how you have cultivated a meaningful and equitable relationship with the PIT-UN member(s). ● Describe how you have cultivated a meaningful and equitable relationship with the PIT-UN member. If this project includes a partnership with more than one PIT-UN member, please describe how the partnership will operate, including division of work, role of Principal Investigators, and allocation of funds. (200 word limit) \***

- Brief description of the partner institution's mission and work and how it contributes to the project
- Description of the role the partner will play on the project and how the partnership would enhance or expand the impact of the project
- A list of deliverables that the partner institution will be responsible for (if applicable)
- The amount of monetary support the partner will provide (if applicable)

**■ Describe why this partner's involvement is essential to the project, how the partnership will operate, including division of work, role of Principal Investigators, and allocation of funds.\* (100 word limit)**

**■ Partnership letter(s) of commitment, MOU, MOA...etc. (maximum upload of 4 files) \***

Select up to 4 files to attach. No files have been attached yet. You may add 4 more files.

Acceptable file types: .csv, .doc, .docx, .odt, .pdf, .rtf, .txt, .wpd, .wpl, .gif, .jpg, .jpeg, .png, .svg, .tif, .tiff

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## **■ PROJECT COLLABORATORS**

**What is the difference between a collaborator and a partner?**




A collaborator has an **informal relationship** with an agreed-upon way to make decisions yet operates independently. Collaborators retain their autonomy and have complete control over the individual resources they bring to the table.

In a partnership, there is a **formal relationship defined by different partnership arrangements (MOU, MOA, Letters of Commitment)** where there is more of a co-mingling of resources. Individuals retain their authority and a separate structure is developed to oversee or manage the engagement.

**A person may be listed as the Principal Investigator (PI) on only one Challenge application**, but individuals may be listed as collaborators on multiple applications.

Proposals that are a collaboration between two or more universities should submit one single application, explaining the nature of the collaboration in their application.

 **Does this proposal have any collaborators? \***

Yes

No

**Please select if the collaborator is an educator, non-profit, private or governmental agency \***

 **Add Collaborator's organization here \***

 **Collaborator 1 Name \***

First Name

Last Name

 **Collaborator 1 Email**

**Do you want to add another collaborator?**

Yes

No

**PROJECT INFORMATION, OBJECTIVES, PLAN, OUTCOMES, AND DELIVERABLES**

**Proposals with a Significant Data Science Component**

The Challenge Fund recognizes that proposals for projects with **significant data collection and interpretation** will be characterized as Data Science projects that may require expert evaluation/review.

Therefore, if your proposal falls under the definition of Data Science, you will be asked to answer an additional set of questions as indicated. **Note Data Science projects will not receive special or additional consideration and will not be prioritized above other**

**I am submitting a Challenge proposal for: \***

A New Project

Additional Funding to expand or scale an existing Network Challenge project

***\*Note: Proposals that received funding from the PIT-UN Challenge in 2019, 2020, 2022 and have received 3 rounds of funding for the project are not eligible to apply for additional funding to continue and/or scale the project. Proposals that received funding from the PIT-UN Challenge and have only received one year of additional funding in either 2020 , 2021, & 2023 may apply for additional funding this year to continue and/or scale their project.***

**Describe your project in one (1) sentence--Elevator Pitch (25 word limit) \***

**Project Plan for Expansion and/or Scale Project Plan**

Summarize the previous outcomes of the project you are seeking to expand or scale. **(no more than 7 sentences)**

Describe your how the expansion or scale of the project is different than your initial project. Include details of how you will expand and scale based on your project plan

How do you intend to build on your accomplishments to date and learn from missed

- opportunities?

- How will you overcome the challenges you encountered during the previous project?
- How will you design the project for community involvement, feedback, and shared ownership of the proposed project?
- Describe: New Objectives, Method and process to meet those objectives, and Timeline

**Describe your how the expansion or scale of the project is different than your initial project. Include details of how you will expand and scale based on your project plan (750 word limit) \***

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Text input area for the 750-word limit response.

Limit: 750 words

Summarize the previous outcomes of the project you are seeking to expand or scale. **(no more than 7 sentences)**

Describe your how the expansion or scale of the project is different than your initial project.

Include details of how you will expand and scale based on your project plan including:

- How do you intend to build on your accomplishments to date and learn from missed opportunities in a potential second or third year?
- How will you overcome the challenges you encountered during the previous project?
- How will you design the project for community involvement, feedback, and shared ownership of the proposed project?
- Describe: New Objectives, Method and process to meet those objectives, and Timeline

**Evaluation Plan: Describe the project's measurable outcomes, indicators of success and any anticipated open educational resources. (200 word limit) \***

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Text input area for the 200-word limit response.

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**Additionally, I identify my project is: \***

- NOT a Data Science project       a Data Science project

## Proposals with a Significant Data Science Component

The Challenge Fund recognizes that proposals for projects with significant data research components and/or projects that will involve the collection and interpretation of data characterized as a Data Science project may require expert evaluation/review. Therefore, if your proposal falls under the definition of Data Science you will be asked to answer an additional set of questions as indicated.

**Note: Data Science projects will not receive special or additional consideration and will not be prioritized above other applications.**


## SUPPLEMENTAL QUESTIONS FOR A DATA SCIENCE PROJECT

*Supplemental Questions for Proposals with Data Science Component (750-word limit OR a three-page uploaded PDF)*

### Alternative to keying in your Response in this section

*As an alternative to responding to the individual questions in this section, you may create a PDF document of up to three pages that responds to these questions and includes any relevant visuals, diagrams, figures, graphics, and the like. You will upload this document in this section in the "Supplemental Question File Upload" section. You will upload the document immediately after this long answer field for this question.*

**If you are uploading a PDF document, please key in N/A in the long answer field for this answer.**

 Please answer as many of the following questions as apply to your proposed project. (750 word limit) \*

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- What is the underlying hypothesis driving your proposed project? What theoretical approaches will you draw from or apply to test your hypothesis?
- What is the current state of research in the field of your proposed project, and how will your proposed project yield something unique and/or additive?
- Why and how is your project team positioned to pursue this project to yield meaningful and impactful results?
- What is your overall research plan, including major milestones or goals, implementation details, and potential risks and mitigation strategies?

- To implement your proposed project, will you be collecting original data, drawing on existing data, or both? What informs your approach to the collection and use of data? If drawing on existing data, specify your anticipated sources.
- What are your plans to disseminate your research findings, and how will you ensure that they are made accessible and enable the advancement of the field?

## PDF Upload as an alternative to keying in the supplemental questions for Data Science projects

Choose File

Upload a file. No files have been attached yet.

Acceptable file types: .doc, .docx, .pdf, .wpd, .wpf

## IMPACT

In this section, you will be asked to describe the rationale for the project including the measurable impact on the participants and PIT. That is, please explain how the project appears likely to meaningfully advance the field of Public Interest Technology and further the goals stated in this RFP. It will be helpful to list the assumptions the project is making about its work, its prioritized activities, and its intended impact over time.

**Please describe the rationale for continuing the project, what the project has accomplished to date, and how it connects to the project's theory of change (more information on theory of change can be found at <https://pitcases.org/2022-network-challenge/>). That is, please explain how the project appears likely to measurably advance the field of Public Interest Technology and further the goals stated in this RFP. It will be helpful to list the assumptions the project is making about its work, its prioritized activities, and its intended impact in a potential second or third year. (300 word limit) \***

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**Please describe how, if at all, will the project complement your project team's institutional plan(s) to advance the field of Public Interest Technology within academia? How does the project complement or build on existing work at OTHER institutions?. (200 word limit) \***

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Limit: 200 words

## **JUSTICE, EQUITY, DIVERSITY, AND INCLUSION**

You will be asked to answer the following questions to the fullest extent you are able.

**Question 1:** Please define or describe the target community of your project (250-word maximum)

**Question 2:** Please describe how the demographics of those benefiting from the project compared to the demographics of the larger population in that (often geographic) area.

- What are the major barriers to equity and access related to Public Interest Technology, as your institution and project team undertake the proposed project?
- In what ways will your project's objectives and method address those barriers?
- Describe how the proposed project will conduct recruitment, engagement, and retention activities of historically excluded communities.
- What sources of bias is this project subject to? What mitigation strategies will be employed to combat bias and generate more equitable outcomes?
- What record does the project team demonstrate the ability to serve ethnically, racially, socioeconomically diverse, and underrepresented populations, perhaps supported by an actionable plan informed by best practices to use this funding to engage and serve these populations that are informed by best practices.

**Q1 Please define or describe the target community of your project (250 word maximum) \***

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Limit: 250 words

**Q2 Please describe how the demographics of those benefiting from the project compare to the demographics of the larger population in that (often geographic) area. (500 word limit) \***

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Limit: 500 words

Please describe how the demographics of those benefiting from the project compare to the demographics of the larger population in that (often geographic) area

- What are the major barriers to equity and access related to Public Interest Technology, as your institution and project team undertake the proposed project?
- In what ways will your project’s objectives and method address those barriers?
- Describe how the proposed project will conduct recruitment, engagement, and retention activities of historically excluded communities.
- What sources of bias is this project subject to? What mitigation strategies will be employed to combat bias and generate more equitable outcomes?
- What record does the project team demonstrate the ability to serve ethnically, racially, socioeconomically diverse, and underrepresented populations, perhaps supported by an actionable plan informed by best practices to use this funding to engage and serve these populations?

## **DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION**

*Providing demographic information is designed to help PIT-UN measure our intended audiences and our commitment to promoting justice, equity, diversity, and inclusion in all its practices. PIT-UN invites applicants to voluntarily disclose certain characteristics about themselves and their project team so the organization can measure its progress and strengthen its impacts on historically disadvantaged or underrepresented communities. We value transparency and will use this information internally only to seek out funding opportunities. If you are interested in a conversation or further discussion, feel free to contact us.*

**Please share the following information about your project's intended project participants:**

■ Please estimate the percentage of non-majority or underrepresented project participants \*

 %

■ Please estimate the number of project participants that identify as:

■ Estimated number of project participants that identify as American Indian or Alaskan Native

■ Estimated number of project participants that identify as Asian

■ Estimated number of project participants that identify as Black or African American

■ Estimated number of project participants that identify as Hispanic or Latino or LatinX

■ Estimated number of project participants that identify as Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander

■ Estimated number of project participants that identify as White:



Estimated number of project participants that identify as two or more races

Estimated number of project participants that prefer to Self-describe

Estimated number of project participants that prefer not to answer or where that information is not available

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Estimated number of project participants that identify as Woman

Estimated number of project participants that identify as Man

Estimated number of project participants that identify as Non-Binary or Third Gender

Estimated number of project participants that identify as Transgender

Estimated number of project participants that identify as Genderqueer

■ Estimated number of project participants that prefer to Self-describe

■ Estimated number of project participants where that prefer not to answer or that information is not available

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■ **Please share the following information about your project team members:**

Please estimate the percentage of non-majority or underrepresented project team members: \*

 %

**Please estimate the number of project team members that identify as:**

■ The number of project team members that identify as American Indian or Alaskan Native

■ The number of project team members that identify as as Asian

■ The number of project team members that identify as Black or African American

The number of project team members that identify as Hispanic or Latino or LatinX

The number of project team members that identify as Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander

The number of project team members that identify as White

The number of project team members that identify as two or more races

The number of project team members that prefer to Self-describe

The number of project team members that prefer not to answer or where that information is not available

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The number of project team members that identify as Man

The number of project team members that identify as Woman

■ The number of project team members that identify as Non-Binary or Third Gender

■ The number of project team members that identify as Transgender

■ The number of project team members that identify as Genderqueer

■ The number of project team members that prefer to Self-describe


■ The number of project team members that prefer not to answer or where that information is not available

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## **QUALIFICATION AND CAPACITY**

*Please provide an answer for the following questions: (300-word limit)*

- What experience or prior work among project team members demonstrates deep knowledge of the field of public interest technology and/or other fields relevant for your proposed project?
- Why are you and your institution well positioned to undertake this project?

 Please provide an answer for the following questions: What experience or prior work among project team members demonstrates deep knowledge of the field of public interest technology and/or other fields relevant for your

proposed project? Why are you and your institution well positioned to undertake this project? (300 word limit) \*

Limit: 300 words

## INSTITUTIONAL SUPPORT AND BUDGET DESCRIPTION

**In this first section**, input the total budgeted amount (revenue) and the total expenses for the major categories (e.g., salaries, travel, community support) in the proposed budget from the line items in the completed **NVF Budget Template** (<https://pitcases.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/2022-NVF-Project-Budget-Template.xlsx>).

**In the second section**, answer the questions below depending on the type of project (new or expansion and scale) and the amount of funding requested.

**In the last section**, you will upload the completed NVF Budget Template

### New Projects

***For proposals requesting up to \$90,000 (Tranche 1)***

- **Summarize (300-word limit)**
- The major revenue categories: (e.g., PIT-UN Challenge grant funding, in-kind donations or support) and how those donations in the budget are accounted for in the Revenue section of the spreadsheet.
- Major expense categories (e.g., salaries, travel, community support) in the proposed budget.
- Describe how the project budget supports the institutionalization of the project after the grant period ends.
- How has your university or institution demonstrated buy-in for your project that will help sustain the project's impact? **(200-word limit)**

***For proposals requesting between \$90,001 and \$145,000 (Tranche 2)***

#### **1. Summarize (300-word limit)**

1. The major revenue categories: (e.g., PIT-UN Challenge grant funding, in-kind donations, or support) and how those donations in the budget are accounted for in the Revenue section of the spreadsheet.
2. Major expense categories (e.g., salaries, travel, community support) in the proposed budget.
3. Describe how the project budget supports the institutionalization of the project after the grant period ends.

2. What specific commitments do you have from your university or institution to support your project and sustain its impact? **(200-word limit)**

**Note: If the required institutional in-kind funding is less than 50%, the proposal will not be considered.**

## Expansion and Scale Projects

**For proposals requesting up to \$90,000 (Tranche 1)**

### 1. Summarize (300-word limit)

1. The major revenue categories: (e.g., PIT-UN Challenge grant funding, in-kind donations or support) and how those donations in the budget are accounted for in the Revenue section of the spreadsheet.
  2. Major expense categories (e.g., salaries, travel, community support) in the proposed budget. Include any meeting expenses (meals, parking reimbursement, stipends), student stipends, or other costs associated with outreach
  3. Describe how the project budget support plans to institutionalize the project after the grant period ends.
2. How has your university or institution demonstrated buy-in for your project that will help sustain the project's impact? **(200-word limit)**

**For proposals requesting between \$90,001 and \$145,000 (Tranche 2)**

### 1. Summarize (300-word limit)

1. The major revenue categories: (e.g., PIT-UN Challenge grant funding, in-kind donations, or support) and how those donations in the budget are accounted for in the Revenue section of the spreadsheet.
  2. Major expense categories (e.g., salaries, travel, community support) in the proposed budget. Include any meeting expenses (meals, parking reimbursement, stipends), student stipends, or other costs associated with outreach.
  3. Describe how your university or institution plans to support this project after the grant period ends.
2. What specific commitments do you have from your university or institution to continue your project and sustain its impact? **(200-word limit)**

**Note: If the required institutional in-kind funding is less than 50%, the proposal will not be considered.**

In the final section of the Institutional Support and Budget Summary, you will upload a budget following the attached New Venture Fund template (found on [\*\*PITcases.org/challenge/RFP\*\*](http://PITcases.org/challenge/RFP) **APPLICATION FORMS** (<http://pitcases.org/2022-challenge>)) **Include any funds that you intend to contribute from your institution or other sources.**

**■ Total Budgeted amount for the program/project (Total-full budget for the program/project) \***

\$  USD

**■ Total Budgeted PIT-UN Funded Budget Request \***

\$  USD

 **Total In-Kind University Funding \***


\$  USD

 **Total In-Kind External University Funding \***

\$  USD

 **Total Budgeted Amount for Salaries \***


\$  USD

 **Total Budgeted Amount for Travel & Conferences \***

\$  USD

 **Total Budgeted Amount for Other Significant Expenditures \***

\$  USD

 **Total Budgeted Amount for Community Support \***

\$  USD

 **BUDGET NARRATIVE**

Please summarize the major expense categories (e.g.: salaries, travel, community support) in the proposed budget. Also, describe how the project budget support plans for institutionalizing the project after the grant period ends. **(300-word limit for budget narrative and 200-word limit for institutionalizing *the project at your institution*)**

 **This application funding request is for: \***

Expansion & Scale Funding Tranche <\$145,000  

■ For proposals requesting between \$90,001 and \$145,000 Summarize: 1. The major revenue categories: (e.g., PiT-UN Challenge grant funding, in-kind donations, or support) and how those donations in the budget are accounted for in the Revenue section of the spreadsheet. 2. Major expense categories (e.g., salaries, travel, community support) in the proposed budget. Include any meeting expenses (meals, parking reimbursement, stipends), student stipends, or other costs associated with outreach. 3. Describe how your university or institution plans to support this project after the grant period ends. (300 word limit) \*

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Limit: 300 words

**Proposals requesting between \$90,001 and \$145,000 understand that if the required institutional in-kind funding is less than 50%, the proposal will not be considered.**

■ For proposals requesting between \$90,001 and \$145,000--What specific commitments from your university do you have to support your project and sustain its impact? (200 word limit) \*

Limit: 200 words

**NOTE: Proposals requesting between \$90,001 and \$145,000, please understand that if the required institutional in-kind funding is less than 50%, the proposal will not be considered.**

■ In the final section of the Institutional Support and Budget Summary, upload your project's budget using the New Venture Fund budget template.

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Choose File

Upload a file. No files have been attached yet.

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In the final section of the Institutional Support and Budget Summary, upload a budget following the attached New Venture Fund template that can be found on the Pitcases website PITcases.org

within the Network Challenge RFP Forms section (<https://pitcases.org/active-network-challenge/>).  
**Include any funds that are contributed from your institution or other sources.**

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## ■ SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION: PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR RELEVANT WORK

■ Please include a link or upload the CV of the principal investigator and any previous relevant work (e.g., previous publications) Please include a one sentence description of what is included in the link.

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■ If you included a link above, please describe any previous relevant work referenced in the link above (200 word limit)

■ Upload PI CV

Choose File

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

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Please upload any documents that support the content of your application. Any work uploaded must be explicitly identified and described in the answers to your application questions. Uploads might include strategic plans, departmental plans and budgets, etc.

■ Upload Co-PI CV

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### ■ Supplemental Documentation Uploads such as Works Cited, Bibliography, or other professional work

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Select up to 7 files to attach. No files have been attached yet. You may add 7 more files.

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### ■ Do you have any other files that you would like to upload with your application?

Yes

No

## Due Diligence Document Uploads

If your institution was awarded grant funding in the Year 5 (2023) Network Challenge, you do not have to upload an IRS Form 990, audited financials, letter of determination, and a list of board of directors/trustees.

If your institution was awarded grant funding in 2023, upload:

- List of board of directors or board of trustees

- List of the main staff for the project

If your institution was was NOT awarded grant funding in 2023, upload:

- Proof of legal status/IRS Letter of Determination
- Most recent audited financials\* *Upload audited financials for 2021 or 2022. If no audited financials are available for those years, you will need to provide an explanation for the missing documents.*
- IRS Form 990
- List of board of directors or board of trustees
- List of main staff for the project

### **Our institution was awarded grant funding in the Year 4-2022 PIT-UN Network Challenge. \***

- Yes-Our institution was awarded grant funding in 2023
- No-Our institution was NOT awarded grant funding in 2023

#### **Proof of legal status/IRS Letter of Determination:\* \***

Choose File

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#### **Are you able to upload your institution's most recent audited financial documents? \***

- Yes, I will upload financial documents from either 2022 or 2023
- No

#### **Most recent audited financials from 2022 or 2023 \***

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Select up to 6 files to attach. No files have been attached yet. You may add 6 more files.

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**Please upload your Institution 990 \***

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**List of Board of Directors or Board of Trustees \***

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**List of main staff for this project \***

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## Before you hit SUBMIT


Please make sure that you have invited the Principal Investigator as a collaborator to this application AND they have accepted the invitation. If the Principal Investigator is not accepted their invitation to this application and you submit the application, there is no way for our teams to communicate with the Principal Investigator throughout the grant award process.

To review how to add the Principal Investigator:


In the upper right-hand corner of this application, you will see a link **Invite Collaborators**. Click on **Invite Collaborators**. A Dialog box will appear, asking you to enter the email addresses of your collaborators. Enter those addresses, then click **Invite**.

Invited collaborators will receive an email, letting them know you've invited them to collaborate on a draft submission using Submittable.

After you've sent invitations to collaborate, you can click on the **Invite Collaborators** link again anytime to see the status of your invitations. In the row for each invitee who has not yet accepted their invitation, you will see a **Pending** indication. There will also be a trash can next to each person's name so that the **Submission Owner** can remove anyone that they no longer want to collaborate on the submission. The **Submission Owner** is always the person who has sent invitations and will be the only user who can submit the application after it is completed by the group. **Collaborators** will be able to contribute responses and save drafts at any time.

 **I confirm I have invited the Principal Investigator to be a collaborator on this application.** \*

Before checking this box, make sure you have invited the project's Principle Investigator to this application.

 **I confirm the Principal Investigator has accepted the invitation to be a collaborator on this application and has accessed the application.** \*

Before checking this box, make sure the Principal Investigator has accepted the collaborator invitation and has OPENED this application.

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