



Social Innovators in Training (SIIT) – Fall 2026 Schedule

Wednesdays | 5:00-6:30 pm | UTD 164 GreenHouse Room

Welcome to Social Innovators in Training Fall 2026!

Below is a sample schedule of some of the topics and resources we'll be covering over the course of the term.

Week	Date	Topic	Activities
Classes Begin September 9th, 2026			
1	Sept 16	Being a Changemaker	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meet your fellow innovators Bring your idea for change and your passion Identify your goals and values
2	Sept 23	Defining the Problem	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Share the problem you hope to solve Mini problem pitch Introduction to the Social Impact Fund
3	Sept 30	Stakeholder Engagement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify and connect with your stakeholders Ask the right questions to identify needs
4	Oct 7	Ideation and Prototyping	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Creativity techniques for solution development Differentiating your idea from existing solutions Prototype using social innovation principles
Oct 14: No SIIT – Reading Week			
5	Oct 21	Testing Your Prototype	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> How to test your prototype with different audiences Prep for Demo Day
6	Oct 28	Demo Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Demonstrate your prototype's functionality and value Receive feedback from community members Validate your problem and solution spaces
7	Nov 4	Creating a Pitch Deck	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pitching for the Social Impact Fund How to communicate your ideas Storytelling for social impact
8	Nov 9	<i>Draft Pitch Deck Due</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>11:59pm today is the deadline to submit your draft pitch deck for review</i> <i>No standard session today</i>
8	Nov 11	Building Relationships	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Engage with stakeholders to support your solution Recruit volunteers and create a team Identify community resources and funding sources
9	Nov 16	<i>Final Pitch Deck Due</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>11:59pm today is the deadline to submit your final pitch deck</i> <i>This is the version of your pitch deck which you will use to pitch for funding</i> <i>No standard session today</i>
9	Nov 18	Practice Your Pitch	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Practice delivering your pitch Receive feedback to shape your pitch development How to respond to judges' questions and feedback
9	Nov 20	<i>On-line Boardroom Pitch</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Students selected to pitch for SIF granting will present online before a board of third-party judges</i> <i>Granting decisions will be announced at the Social Impact Showcase</i> <i>No standard session today</i>
10	Nov 25	Social Impact Showcase	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pitch your idea to a live audience Announcement of SIF recipients and Changemaker Awards Network with community members
Classes End December 8 th , 2026			