



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	- Meet your fellow innovators - Bring your idea for change and your passion - Identify your goals and values
2	Sept 23	Defining the Problem	- Share the problem you hope to solve - Mini problem pitch - Introduction to the Social Impact Fund
3	Sept 30	Stakeholder Engagement	- Identify and connect with your stakeholders - Ask the right questions to identify needs
4	Oct 7	Ideation and Prototyping	- Creativity techniques for solution development - Differentiating your idea from existing solutions - Prototype using social innovation principles - Prep for Demo Day
Oct 14: No SIIT – Reading Week			
5	Oct 21	Testing Your Prototype at Demo Day	- Demonstrate your prototype's functionality and value - Receive feedback from community members - Validate your problem and solution spaces
6	Oct 28	Selling Your Idea	- Share sales experiences - Build your authentic sales style - Unlock revenue from your existing supporters
7	Nov 4	Creating a Pitch Deck	- Pitching for the Social Impact Fund - How to communicate your ideas - Storytelling for social impact
8	Nov 9	Draft Pitch Deck Due	11:59pm today is the deadline to submit your draft pitch deck for review

			No standard session today
8	Nov 11	Building Relationships	- Engage with stakeholders to support your solution - Recruit volunteers and create a team Identify community resources and funding sources
9	Nov 16	Final Pitch Deck Due	11:59pm today is the deadline to submit your final pitch deck. This is the version of your pitch deck which you will use to pitch for funding - No standard session today
9	Nov 18	Practice Your Pitch	- Practice delivering your pitch - Receive feedback to shape your pitch development - How to respond to judges' questions and feedback
9	Nov 20	Online Boardroom Pitch	- Students selected to pitch for SIF granting will present online before a board of third-party judges - Granting decisions will be announced at the Social Impact Showcase - No standard session today
10	Nov 25	Social Impact Showcase	- Pitch your idea to a live audience - Announcement of SIF recipients and Changemaker Awards - Network with community members - Runs from 4:00 to 5:30 PM
Classes End December 8th, 2026			