



Social Innovators in Training (SIIT) – Winter 2026 Schedule

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

Welcome to Social Innovators in Training Winter 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 January 5 th , 2026			
1	Jan 14	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 for Winter 2026
2	Jan 21	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	Jan 28	Stakeholder Engagement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify your stakeholders Ask the right questions to identify needs Talking to Humans, The Mom Test
4	Feb 4	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
5	Feb 11	Testing Your Prototype	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> How to test your prototype with different audiences Prep for Demo Day
Feb 18: No SIIT – Reading Week			
6	Feb 25	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	Mar 4	Building 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	Mar 9	Draft Pitch Deck Due	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 11:59pm today is the deadline to submit your draft pitch deck for review No standard session today
8	Mar 11	Leveraging Relationships	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Make a strong and compelling request for funding Engage with government to support your solution Identify community resources and funding sources
9	Mar 16	Final Pitch Deck Due	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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	Mar 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	Mar 20	Virtual Boardroom Pitch	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students selected to pitch for SIF granting will present before a virtual board of third-party judges Granting decisions will be announced at the Social Impact Showcase No standard session today
10	Mar 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 April 6 th , 2026			