



## Social Innovators in Training (SIIT) – Fall 2025 Schedule

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

Welcome to Social Innovators in Training Fall 2025! Here 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 3			
1	Sept 17	<b>Being a Changemaker</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Winter term social 4:00-5:00 p.m. (optional)</li><li>• Meet your fellow innovators</li><li>• Identify your goals and values for fall 2025</li></ul>
2	Sept 24	<b>Defining the Problem</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Share the problem you hope to solve</li><li>• Mini problem pitch</li><li>• Introduction to the Social Impact Fund</li></ul>
3	Oct 1	<b>Stakeholder Engagement</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Identify your stakeholders</li><li>• Ask the right questions to identify needs</li><li>• <a href="#">Talking to Humans</a>, <a href="#">The Mom Test</a></li></ul>
4	Oct 8	<b>Ideation and Prototyping</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Creativity techniques for solution development</li><li>• Differentiating your idea from existing solutions</li><li>• Prototype using social innovation principles</li></ul>
Oct 15: No SIIT – Reading Week			
5	Oct 22	<b>Testing Your Prototype</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• How to test your prototype with different audiences</li><li>• Prep for Demo Day</li></ul>
6	Oct 29	<b>Demo Day</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Demonstrate your prototype's functionality and value</li><li>• Receive feedback from community members</li><li>• Validate your problem and solution spaces</li></ul>
7	Nov 5	<b>Building a Pitch Deck</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Pitching for the Social Impact Fund</li><li>• How to communicate your ideas</li><li>• Storytelling for social impact</li></ul>
8	Nov 12	<b>Leveraging Relationships</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Make a strong and compelling request for funding</li><li>• Engage with government to support your solution</li><li>• Identify community resources and funding sources</li></ul>
9	Nov 19	<b>Practice Your Pitch</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Practice delivering your pitch</li><li>• Receive feedback to shape your pitch development</li><li>• How to respond to judges' questions and feedback</li></ul>
10	Nov 26	<b>Social Impact Showcase</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Pitch your idea to a live audience</li><li>• Announcement of SIF recipients and Changemaker Awards</li><li>• Network with community members</li></ul>
X	TBD	<b>Bonus Topics?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Opportunity to propose other topics that might be useful to you during week 1 programming</li><li>• These will likely take place mid-day on Fridays</li></ul>
Classes End December 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 2025			