



## 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 <sup>th</sup> , 2026			
1	Jan 14	<b>Being a Changemaker</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Meet your fellow innovators</li> <li>Bring your idea for change and your passion</li> <li>Identify your goals and values for Winter 2026</li> </ul>
2	Jan 21	<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	Jan 28	<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, The Mom Test</a></li> </ul>
4	Feb 4	<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>
5	Feb 11	<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>
Feb 18: No SIIT – Reading Week			
6	Feb 25	<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	Mar 4	<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	Mar 11	<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	Mar 28	<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	Mar 25	<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>
?	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 April 6 <sup>th</sup> , 2026			