

WHAT IS PUBLIC INTEREST TECHNOLOGY?

Public interest technology (PIT) refers to the study and application of technology expertise to advance the public interest, generate public benefits, and promote the public good.

WHAT ARE THE DIFFERENT TYPES OF PIT ORGANIZATIONS?

Many public interest technologists come in and out of the below organizations, building skills and experience across sectors and organizational structures.

- Government agencies, like the US Digital Service.
- Government-adjacent organizations, like Code for America.
- Tech nonprofits, like Upsolve, Khan Academy, and Recidiviz.
- Think tanks & tech policy, like New America and the Aspen Tech Policy Hub.
- Academia and research, like the Al Now Institute.
- Philanthropic foundations, like the Ford and Mozilla Foundations.
- Mission-driven for-profit tech, like City Innovate & Politics Rewired.
- PIT in the private sector, like specific roles in DEI, inclusive design, ethics, elections integrity, philanthropy and social impact, tech policy, accessibility.

HOW DO I FIND A PIT POSITION?

START BY ASKING:



What matters to you?



What do you need in a workplace?



What skills do you want to build?



How do you want to create impact?

BUILD EXPERIENCE WITH PIT FELLOWSHIPS AND VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES.

Part-time fellowships: Bluebonnet, Policy Hackers

Internships: Coding it Forward, Impact Labs

Full-time fellowship: TechCongress, US Digital Corps

Volunteer opportunities: Tech for campaigns, Code for

America brigade

PERUSE PIT JOB BOARDS, AND APPLY FAR AND WIDE

- Responsible Tech
- Tech Jobs for Good
- TheBridge
- Code for America
- WeAreImpactful
- USAJOBS
- Fast Forward
- All Hands
- Diversify Tech
- Higher Ground Labs

USE YOUR NETWORK

Conduct informational interviews and research career tracks.

