Data Science for Social Good

The Eric & Wendy Schmidt Data Science for Social Good fellowship (dssg.io) is a University of Chicago summer program for aspiring data scientists to work on data mining, machine learning, big data, and data science projects with social impact.

This summer from June to August, 36 DSSG fellows – graduate and undergraduate students from quantitative fields from computer science to statistics to public policy – are in Chicago. Working closely with governments and nonprofits, fellows are taking on real-world problems in education, health, energy, transportation, and more. They are applying their coding and analytics skills, collaborating in a fast-paced atmosphere, and learning from mentors coming from industry, academia, and the Obama campaign.

There has been widespread interest from individuals, organizations, and academic institutions in establishing similar programs to the Data Science for Social Good fellowship program at the University of Chicago. The University of Chicago DSSG team and DataKind are working together to capture this interest and to evaluate the necessary resources to scale this innovative approach to learning.

Interested faculty, students and potential participants are encouraged to fill out this form to register their interest and availability to contribute.