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ASH CENTER

for Democratic Governance
and Innovation

INNOVATIONS IN GOVERNMENT PROGRAM

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Helping government innovate for the 21st century

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Reach: The Innovations in Government Program partners with dozens of leaders and programs at all levels of government around the world.

Impact: Innovations recognized and promoted by the Ash Center are being used to transform how governments deliver services.

Research and Learning: Students regularly partner with faculty and program staff on research in the field.

About the Program

The Innovations in Government Program is one of the world's premier academic entities for recognizing and promoting excellence in the public sector and fostering innovative policy solutions to the 21st century challenges of governing.

Data and technology can fundamentally change the way government operates.



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Project on Digital Era Government

The Project on Digital Era Government explores how technologies are changing the ways government delivers public services and creates public goods. The Project is particularly interested in the skills and competencies public leaders will need to possess. In addition, it examines what new capabilities and supporting governance structures will be needed for governments to be effective.

Civic Analytics Network

The Ash Center has built a national peer network of urban Chief Data Officers (CDOs). The network collaborates on shared projects that advance the use of data visualization and predictive analytics in solving important urban problems.

Innovations in American Government Awards

The Innovations in American Government Awards is the nation's preeminent program devoted to recognizing and promoting excellence and creativity in the public sector. The program highlights exemplary models of government innovation and advances efforts to address the nation's most pressing public concerns. The program has received over 27,000 applications and recognized nearly 500 government initiatives since it was established in 1985 with funding from the Ford Foundation.

Data-Smart City Solutions

Data-Smart City Solutions works to catalyze adoption of data projects on the local government level by serving as a central resource for cities interested in this emerging field. The project highlights best practices, top innovators, and promising case studies.

Mobility and the Connected City

The Ash Center is examining how new forms of mobility, like ride-sharing and electric scooters, are rapidly changing the transportation landscape of cities around the world. Through research and practitioner convenings, the Ash Center seeks to identify and advance solutions that address major issues such as transportation economics, data management and privacy, algorithmic regulation, user experience, and public engagement.