**ImpACT Winterim Leadership Intensive**

**Frequently Asked Questions**

**Q: Who can I reach out to at DCSI for advising?**

A: We encourage you to reach out for support with the application process! There are several ways you can reach out for advising:

* Attend office hours at DCSI/South Fairbanks – drop-in at any time! Note: office hours begin on Monday 9/15.
  + Mondays, 2-3pm
  + Wednesdays, 3-4pm (\*no office hours 10/8)
* Email [social.impact.leadership.programs@dartmouth.edu](mailto:social.impact.leadership.programs@dartmouth.edu) to set up an appointment with the program manager or student director outside of office hour times
* Email Program Manager Anna Leversee [anna.leversee@dartmouth.edu](mailto:anna.leversee@dartmouth.edu) with questions or to schedule an appointment before 9/15 or outside of office hour times

**Q: Who is eligible for ImpACT?**

A: All students in good standing with the college – that includes all class years, all majors, and international and US students. Priority will be given to students who have not completed the program in a previous year. Returning participants are required to complete a project with a different community organization from their prior experience.

**Q: Can international students apply?**

A: Yes! We love supporting international students in ImpACT! Since ImpACT is a Dartmouth-sponsored program, international students who travel home to complete an ImpACT project are required to register travel with Global Dartmouth. Additionally, you will need to get a travel exception if your home country appears on this list (<https://global.dartmouth.edu/travel/travel-exceptions/locations-list>). Travel exceptions must be submitted to Global Dartmouth at least 30 days before your travel date. Having this travel exception request submitted is a requirement for submitting an ImpACT application on 10/13.

**Q: Where can I search for social service organizations in my hometown?**

A: [Candid](https://candid.org/) is a database where you can start your search. Log in with your netID and password for premium access. Also think about networking/asking people you know. See the “How to Design an ImpACT Project” document on the DCSI ImpACT webpage for suggestions on how to reach out and contact organizations.

**Q: What organizations are eligible?**

A: The following organizations are eligible for projects:

* Non-profit organizations – 503(c)3 organizations
* Schools or after-school programs
* Foundations and grant-making entities
* NGOs or nongovernmental organizations

**Q: What is the recommended timeline for finding a community organization?**

A: This process takes time! We recommend you start NOW! As a guideline, you should have reached out to 2-3 organizations by Friday, September 29th latest. Organizations will need to submit a signed Community Organization Agreement form (linked on the ImpACT webpage) that you will upload to your application due on Monday, October 13th 3pm. You will not be able to submit your application without a signed form.

**Q: What are the project requirements for ImpACT?**

A: The following requirements must be met for your application to be considered:

* Projects must run from 12/1/25 through 12/19/25 in your home community.
* You must engage in at least 30 hours of in-person service work at your organization each week of the ImpACT program.
* You must have a dedicated supervisor at your organization who is responsible for your tasks and deliverables.
* You must work in person.

**Q: I am planning to stay in Hanover during Winterim. Can I apply?**

A: Yes! DCSI has many great partners in the Upper Valley who have hosted ImpACT students in the past. Come to office hours or set up an appointment with us and we are happy to help connect you with an organization you are interested in. *A note on housing – this Upper Valley option is for students who were planning to be on campus over Winterim anyway. If you want to complete a project in the Upper Valley, you will need to secure housing (on or off campus) independent of the ImpACT program. Your reason for requesting interim housing should not be exclusively based on your participation in ImpACT – you should have other/extenuating circumstances.*

**Q: What exactly does “home community” mean?**

A: Students typically complete a project in the community where they currently reside when they are not at Dartmouth. For the ImpACT program, “home community” can also be defined as a place you have considered 'home' in your past or where you have close family members and a significant, long-standing personal connection (for example, maybe you lived in this location for many years, or maybe your extended family lives there and you visited every summer growing up). *You cannot submit an ImpACT project that is located in a place you have never been to/where you do not have deep familiarity, understanding, and current connections.*

**Q: What is the education and curriculum component of ImpACT?**

A: The ImpACT program teaches students Systems Mapping alongside their community project. Participants are required to attend Orientation on campus in November, three virtual workshops with DCSI staff between December 1 and December 19, and a poster presentation session in January. You will need to complete and turn in assignments in between workshop times. The curriculum is designed to be no more than 10 hours per week during the program (30 hrs will be at your community project and 5-10 hrs will be for attending workshops and completing work). Each workshop will be offered at 4 or 5 times to accommodate work schedules and time zone differences. The final project presentation in January 2026 is also mandatory for all students. If you are off campus during winter term, we will set up a virtual presentation.

**Q: When and how do I receive my stipend?**

A: Stipends are issued in two parts. The first half of your stipend will be issued after the fall orientation and before your projects begin on December 1. The remaining half of your stipend will be issued after the final presentation in January. You must complete your volunteer hours and participate in the January presentation to receive the second half of your stipend. Stipends are sent from the Dartmouth finance office. Instructions on how to set up this process will be shared at orientation.