**DMIT2027**

**Team Project Idea Selection Guidelines**

In consultation with your instructor, your team will select a project topic. This is crucial, as all your future assignments for this course will revolve around this project.

Individually, you will need to come up with three [3] project ideas for instructor consideration. We suggest you use the following process to create three potential project ideas:

1. Each team member should come up with 3 potential project ideas. For each idea, list the main 4-6 deliverables. For a team of 4, this will produce 12 distinct project ideas. (List Length = 3 ideas \* (size of team))
   1. You will use the Project Ideas Template.docx found on Moodle.
2. Meet as a team and fully discuss each idea (at least 3-5 minutes each). Do not dismiss an idea just because it “sounds” uninteresting. Explore each and every one.
3. Topic Selection - Pick your team’s top 3 choices. Watch for the following while this decision is being made:
   1. Is anyone dominating the discussion? If so, have a frank conversation about equity in the team and inclusive team style.
   2. Is anyone more outspoken than others, taking more “air time”? If so, do the same as 3a above.
   3. Give each idea a chance. Explore the list of deliverables. Ask the presenter questions to clarify the idea.
   4. Avoid groupthink: Just because someone suggests you go with idea X does not mean you should, even if you like the person. If you remain silent and this idea is picked by your team, it may negatively impact 4 months of learning for you personally.
   5. Don’t confuse silence with agreement. Each team member needs to offer their views when making decisions.
   6. There should be no fear in healthy group discussions: No one should feel afraid to “ruffle feathers”. Asking for clarifications, especially posing the hard questions, builds strength in your team.
4. Topic Scope - When choosing a topic, make sure it is large enough to fit a 4-month academic activity. You can pick any topic you want. It does not have to be related to DMIT or your career of choice. Look for a mid-size project. For example, hosting a party with 30 people in your home is way too small. Building an airport is way too big. Planning a fund raiser with about 1,000 people with catering, music and an auction sounds about right. (We are deliberately not giving you more examples so as not to stifle your creative process.)
5. Submit your project ideas to your instructor for review and subsequent interview with your team. Note that your instructor might pick one of your top 3 or any of the other ideas on your list.
6. Remember that no two teams can utilize the same project idea. Ideas will be on a ‘first-come’ basis.