

A0: Pitch Yourself and Form Groups

The purpose of this assignment is to form project groups, comprised of 4-6 students in the class.

DUE DATE: individual short bio form on [Google Drive](#): September 12, at 12:00pm (noon).
group information form on [MarkUs](#): September 24, at 12:00pm (noon).

GRADE: N/A. Failing to submit A0 on time will induce a penalty.

What to do

In this course, you will work in groups of 5 to 6 students to design and evaluate an *interactive solution* to the problem: "Weaving the Threads within the Social Fabric", inspired from the [CHI 2019 Student Design Competition](#). More specifically, you will work on how to enhance the social fabric in a place with highly diverse population, with a focus on immigrants. This means you will design an interactive system to provide more and better interactions between members of the community (locals and immigrants) so that they can be more involved, be happy, be more willing to help, and be inspired to keep their city a positive, pleasant place to live.

All group assignments are designed for you to progress through the development of the project. You will work with the same group for the whole term; it is therefore critical that you carefully compose your team.

By sharing your profile information to the rest of the class you should be getting to know each other and starting to plan your group formation around individual skills and interests. Group formation will begin on September 12 and should be complete by September 24. Please check the [course policy](#) and [FAQ](#) for specific questions about groups before you reach out to the instructors.

What to submit

The *Short bio form* will serve as a mini-CV for others to get to know you better to recruit you in their team.

- Download and fill out the [A0-short-bio.docx](#) form.
- Save a pdf version of the filled form as **YOURLASTNAME-YourFirstname.pdf**
- Upload your form in the [Google drive](#) by September 12, 12:00pm¹ (note: you can make minor changes in the form after that date as needed).

Start hiring!

- Review other students' bio and reach out to potential candidates for your team via email or using private messaging/channels in the [CSC318 Slack](#).
- In order to assist your group formation process, as soon as you start forming your group, you can inform other students you have space in your group for one more person, on the slack channel "*group-hiring*".

The *Group information form* will be helpful to you as a group, but the photos especially will help us learn your names so that we can award your participation marks. Once you have formed a group:

- Download and fill out the [A0-group-information.docx](#) form.
- Save as PDF and submit on [MarkUs](#), by September 24, 12:00pm. Only one of the members of your group should submit the group information form on MarkUs.

¹ If we do not have your short bio form completed and uploaded in the Google Drive by September 12, 12:00pm (noon), we will not be able to send you an invite to the CSC318 Slack team.