

# MAKE A DIFFERENCE DURING SUMMER BREAK

The Biocomplexity Institute of Virginia Tech, SDAL's Data Science for the Public Good program (DSPG) program equips new generations of scientists with the skills they need to inform intelligent governmental policy and decision-making. DSPG focuses on the interface of data analytics and social science to address real problems at the local, state, and federal levels.

## Why Apply?

**Make a real impact.** You can play a vital role in all of the Social and Decision Analytics Laboratory's project activities—research that's fundamentally transforming the way we understand the world.

**Diversify your expertise.** Successful applicants will work in cross-disciplinary teams, closely supported by graduate research assistants and supervised by faculty. You will receive expert training in essential tools for statistical computing, including Hadoop, R, Python, and GIS.

**Form professional connections.** Student fellows will have the opportunity to interact with decision-makers in industry and government agencies and attend policy events on Capital Hill and the surrounding area.

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**Application Deadline:**  
**March 1, 2017**

### Earn Honors Credits

The DSPG program runs ten weeks from May 22 to July 28, 2017. Participants enroll in consecutive Summer I and Summer II semesters at the Virginia Tech National Capitol Region Campus, earning 6 credits each semester for a total of 12 credits.

#### Summer I

UH 4504: Honors Discovery and Innovation Studio (3 credits)

UH 4994: Honors Undergraduate Research (3 credits)

#### Summer II

UH 4504: Honors Discovery and Innovation Studio (3 credits)

UH 4994: Honors Undergraduate Research (3 credits)

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