

March 9, 2017

Dear Ben,

Congratulations on your acceptance into the Virginia Tech Data Science for the Public Good (DSPG) Program, delivered by the Social and Decision Analytics Laboratory at Biocomplexity Institute of Virginia Tech. Based upon your application, cover letter, and resume, we would like to welcome you to the 2017 cohort of the DSPG program. This program runs from May 22- July 28, 2017 and takes place in the Virginia Tech Research Center on the beautiful National Capital Region in Arlington, VA.

During the 10 weeks, you will work in cross-disciplinary teams composed of undergraduate and graduate students, postdocs, research faculty and policy makers on projects at the interface of data analytics and social science to address real problems at the local, state, and federal levels. Student projects from DSPG 2016 could be found here: <https://www.bi.vt.edu/sdal/careers/call-for-students/student-poster-presentations>.

Prior to your arrival, you will receive training information and technology accommodations from Dr. Shernita Lee, Education and Outreach Specialist, located at the Biocomplexity Institute in Blacksburg, VA. Research teams and project assignments will be based on a skill assessment survey that will be sent by Dr. Lee before the program begins. You can contact her at [shernita@vbi.vt.edu](mailto:shernita@vbi.vt.edu) or 540-231-7531.

If you have questions about the program, please feel free to contact us. We are pleased to have your participation in our program!

Best Regards,

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