

Key Dates for Stage 1 Awardees

This is a tentative schedule, and some of these dates may change. Stay tuned for the most up-to-date information.

Date	Activity (Click to save)	Who	Description
February 2 nd 2-4 pm ET	Kickoff Event (Required by solicitation)	All team members	This event will serve as the kickoff for the Communities of Practice period, and the first convening of all Stage 1 awardees.
February 3 rd 2-4 pm ET	Kickoff: Onboarding Session (Required by solicitation)	Civic lead and research lead*	MetroLab will introduce the team leads to Confluence, our primary tool for communicating information to awardees. We will dedicate hands-on time to learning the tool and will register team leads for updates.
February 4 th 2-4 pm ET	Kickoff: Stakeholder Analysis (Required by solicitation)	Civic lead and research lead*	The creation of the Stakeholder Analysis is an important pre-requisite to many of the other Communities of Practice activities - it will be an opportunity for team leads to identify the partners, advocates, implementers, and beneficiaries in their community; a list which will influence how teams approach the entire Stage 1 period.
February 8 - February 19 Exact Times TBD 1hr per team	1-on-1s	All team members	Teams will reserve 1 hour during this 2-week period with the MetroLab staff. We will provide the resources available to teams during the Communities of Practice period and work with all team members to align on team strengths and gaps.
February 23 2-4 pm ET	Research and Practice Session	All team members and stakeholders	This session will build on the Stakeholder Analysis. With as many stakeholders present as possible, team members will independently consider their core research and practice questions, then come together and discuss discrepancies and overlap.
March 2 2-4 pm ET	Mobility Session	All team members of teams in the mobility track	Teams in the mobility track will gather to hear from experts in the mobility space and consider shared goals and obstacles.
March 4 2-4 pm ET	Resilience Session	All team members of teams in the resilience track	Teams in the resilience track will gather to hear from experts in the resilience space and consider shared goals and obstacles.
March 18 2-4 pm ET	NSF Presentation on Proposals	PI for each team	A chance for NSF to present their expectations for Stage 2 proposals, including the Scalability, Sustainability, and Transferability section.
March 22 - April 2 Exact times TBD 1hr per team	1-on-1s	All team members	The second set of 1-on-1s will focus on gathering any specific needs or challenges being faced by teams. We will also conduct podcast interviews, which will be provided to teams to help gather interest in their communities.
April 14 2-4 pm ET	Data Strategy Session	All team members	This session will focus on equipping teams with tools and strategies for using data in ways that are inclusive, secure, and responsible. Teams will consider how their data management practices affect their community impact.
April 27 2-4 pm ET	Stage 2 Proposals Q&A Session w/ NSF	PI for each team	This will be an opportunity for teams to interact with NSF and answer any proposal-related questions they have, similar to the sessions we held in advance of the Stage 1 proposal deadline.
May 18 2-4 pm ET	Closing Event (Required by solicitation)	All team members	The closing event will follow the Stage 2 proposal deadline and will highlight teams and their work during the Communities of Practice period.

*The civic lead is the primary representative of your team's civic partner group. The research lead is likely the PI, or another representative of the research partner group.

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