## CIVIC TECH LOAN FORGIVENESS

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THE AVERAGE CS MAJOR HAS

# \$35,000

IN UNPAID STUDENT LOANS

## SUPPORTING PUBLIC INTEREST

#### LACK OF DEBT FORGIVENESS MAKES PRIVATE SECTOR MORE APPEALING

#### Federal programs don't work

- Confusing, ineffective, and underfunded
- Just 262 people received Public Service
   Loan Forgiveness (PSLF) last year
- Only applies to certain federal loans

#### Law schools stepped in

- Law schools recognize the financial burdens of lower paying public interest careers
- Loan repayment assistance programs (LRAPs) help public interest lawyers pay off loans

## INTRODUCING PICTURE GRANTS

THE PUBLIC INTEREST CIVIC TECH UNIVERSITY REPAYMENT EFFORT







Civic Tech



**University Repayment** 

### HOW IT WORKS

AN UNCONDITIONAL GRANT GIVEN BY THE UNIVERSITY PER YEAR THAT THE APPLICANT:

- Works for a 501(c)(3) or a city, state, or federal government
- Holds an engineering, design, or product position
- Still has unpaid student loans for an engineering, design, or product degree



## Engineering schools must do more to enable their students to pursue civic opportunities regardless of debt.

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