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Public Access to Government Information: Implementation, Voter **Behavior**, and Rights

Interested in learning more about the intersection of technology, information and government? Join our interdisciplinary Bass Connections Research Team!

This team will examine issues of information needs, technology's role in increasing access and the impact on governance.

- ✓ In what ways are advances in information and communication technologies making government more transparent?
- ✓ How does increased access to government information influence voters and subsequent policy decisions, and what obligations this places on government?
- ✓ Beyond improved access, what infrastructures need to be in place to maximize the benefits of new information technologies with respect to government?

Looking for students with background and interest in:

- 1) Ethics and social/political philosophy to investigate the question of the nature of information access rights and the responsibility of the government to make information available.
- 2) Psychology/cognitive science/neuroscience to investigate how people internalize and react to different presentations of government (especially financial) information.
- 3) Political science/public policy to investigate how information is used to inform citizens.
- 4) Any other students who are interested in these questions.

If you are interested in joining the project or would simply like to learn more, contact the team leaders:

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