How You Can Engage with DO-IT

The DO-IT Center hosts a variety of projects and programs, including AccessComputing, AccessSTEM, and DO-IT Scholars. Supported activities are varied and offer opportunities for involvement by students with disabilities, practitioners, parents, and others who are interested in helping students with disabilities be successful. Some of the specific ways that you can be involved are described below.

If you are a student with a disability...

Being a part of the DO-IT community can provide you with the resources, support, and opportunities to help you prepare for college, succeed in a postsecondary institution, and transition to a career. To find further information and applications for the opportunities below, visit: www.uw.edu/doit/programs.

• AccessComputing Team—a nationwide online community of high school and college students and professionals who are interested in computing and IT fields. Join the AccessComputing team to learn about opportunities for paid internships, scholarships, career development, and research.

• AccessSTEM Team—a nationwide team of high school students, college students, and professionals who are interested in science, technology, engineering, or mathematics. Join the AccessSTEM team to engage with peers and mentors online and learn about opportunities for paid internships, scholarships, career development, and research.

• DO-IT Pals—a nationwide electronic community of students with disabilities ages 13+ that focuses on achieving academic, career, and personal goals. If you are a teen with a disability who wants to go to college, become a Pal!

• DO-IT Scholars—a Washington State program that prepares high school students with disabilities for college, careers, independent living, and leadership roles in society. The best time to apply for the program is in the fall of your sophomore year. Students who are accepted into the program attend several summer camps at the UW and are loaned laptop computers. Project staff and mentors help students get ready for college in an engaging online community and onsite activities!
If you are a K-12 or postsecondary educator, employer, or other adult interested in promoting the success of students with disabilities or connecting with others in the disability field...

There are many ways for you to become involved with DO-IT.

- **Communities of Practice (CoP)**—share perspectives and expertise and identify practices that promote the participation of people with disabilities in academics and careers. Choose a CoP that matches your interests—K-12 and postsecondary education, employment, disability services, veterans services, and many others. For more information visit [www.uw.edu/doit/resources/communities-practice](http://www.uw.edu/doit/resources/communities-practice).

- **Knowledge Base**—contribute case studies, questions and answers, and frequently asked questions to our growing collection of information on engaging students with disabilities in education and careers. View our Knowledge Base at [www.uw.edu/doit/knowledge-base](http://www.uw.edu/doit/knowledge-base). To contribute, email doit@uw.edu.

- **Mentors**—provide students with information, contacts, challenges, support, goal setting, and advice in our electronic mentoring community. Mentors are college students, postsecondary faculty, and professionals in a variety of challenging academic and career fields. For more information and the mentor application, visit [www.uw.edu/doit/programs/do-it-mentors](http://www.uw.edu/doit/programs/do-it-mentors).

- **Donations**—grants and gifts fund DO-IT publications, videos, and programs to support the academic and career success of people with disabilities. To donate, visit [www.uw.edu/doit/about/funding-and-support](http://www.uw.edu/doit/about/funding-and-support).

For further information on how you can become involved, email doit@uw.edu.

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