

## **Developing a Social Computing Program**

Summary: The objective of this project is to establish Social Computing program at North Carolina A&T State University (NCAT). With the government's growing interest in social computing and the increasing investment by social media organizations in technology, training in social computing or social computational systems will give graduates some of the strongest career opportunities in today's economy. Graduates with this training are uniquely prepared to inform empirical research, professional practice, and public and social policy as it pertains to both information technology and social change in a globalized society. The proposed project will be the joint effort of three departments at NCAT. The project team has unique and diverse experience in education and research in the areas of computing, mathematics, and sociology. Their complementary experiences will result in the development of the interdisciplinary program in Social Computing. Our team also includes an expert in evaluation who will continuously conduct formative and summative assessment of our progress. The feedback will be used to adjust the project's direction and to evaluate the attainment of the project's goals.