

New York University

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Technology and Social Justice

To support a *Technology and Social Justice* initiative that is committed to the innovative use of new technology with individuals and groups who have not had access to technology and who would benefit from such access. The Alternate Media Center was founded at NYU in 1971. In 1979, the Center evolved into a graduate offering called the Interactive Technology Program (ITP). ITP has worked with individuals with developmental disabilities, senior citizens, immigrant populations, the indigent, the incarcerated and inner-city youths. In 2004 with support from NCF, ITP launched the first phase of its Technology and Social Justice initiative in 2004. During phase one, internships were established with community-based organizations that were addressing social justice issues and students had direct experience in the development of technology based, social applications. Curriculum was developed and pilot courses were offered. In 2005-06, ITP will continue its internship program, develop an Assistive Technology Lab for people with disabilities, develop partnerships to advise in the function of the lab; and through the use of previous evaluations, improve the skill sets of the students who serve as fellows.

Program Contribution Breakdown:

\$75,000 Arts and Culture Program: *Objective I, Strategy 1*

Total Award: \$75,000 over 1 year