The Georgia Smart Communities Challenge is an award-winning technical and financial assistance program for communities of any size in the state of Georgia to empower communities to envision, plan, and implement a smart and connected future. Communities are given up to $100,000 in grant funding, a partnership with a Georgia Tech research team, networking opportunities, and access to additional unique resources to execute their projects. The first two Georgia Smart cohorts resulted in collaborations with startups, foundations, nonprofits, industry, and community groups. An additional $1.5M in investments were secured to support and continue the work from the initial grant. The smart community projects have become models for other communities in Georgia and beyond.

**Outreach**

2/3 of GA population engaged

- 1,100+ Livestream views of the 2019 GA Smart Winners Announcement
- 500+ Attendees at GA Smart Workshops
- 4,500+ Newsletter Subscribers
- 1,500+ Webinar Views
- 190+ GT Researchers and professors profiled
- 75+ Print and TV mentions (local and national)

**Smart Community Corps**

The Smart Community Corps is a summer internship program made up of civic-minded undergraduate and graduate students dedicated to creating livable and equitable communities through smart technology and data.