

Trends Marketplace

IT Support & Technology Request Guide



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Overview

The Trends Marketplace provides **hands-on access** to cutting-edge analytics and AI tools. It's an opportunity for you to:

- Explore **emerging trends** in data science and technology.
- Showcase your **skills and prototypes** to prospective employers, CAL clients, and faculty.
- Develop **state-of-the-art solutions** using the best tech resources provided by the program.

Quick Proposal Requirements

Length/Format: A **half-page pitch** (informal is fine).

Include:

- Your **use case** or project focus.
- Which **technologies** you need (e.g., AWS, Azure, Databricks, etc.).
- **Duration** of resource usage.
- Any **additional data** requirements.
- **Estimated costs** (if applicable) so we can review.

Please keep it concise—just enough detail to help us plan for resource provisioning.

Technology & Resource Support

- We support **servers, AWS (via Kion), Azure, AI Foundry, Databricks**, and more—within reason.
- Access to each resource is **not** wide open; you must specify what you need so it can be **provisioned** in advance.
- **Budget approvals:** While we have an internal budget guideline, we'll contact you if your proposal may exceed it.

Scheduling & Appointments

- **Appointment Tool:** [Trends Marketplace IT Consultation Meeting Request](#)
- **Duration:** 30-minute sessions.
- **Availability:** Slots will be open for the **next month**—book as soon as possible.
- **Discussion:** We'll review your proposal, plan deployment, and show you how to access the resources.
- **Support Team:** Primarily the course team (you may meet with me for IT needs).

Budget & Cost Management

- **Estimates:** It's up to you to estimate costs (e.g., AWS spend, compute hours).
- **Approval:** If the estimated budget is high, we'll discuss options or alternatives.

Contact Information

- **Email:** csommsbahelp@umn.edu (opens a support ticket).
- For technical questions **outside** of appointments, email us and we'll follow up.