



The ATLAS Master of Science in ICT for Development: Creating ICTD Academic Practitioners

Why ICTD?

Information and communication technologies have the potential to contribute to poverty alleviation, and to efforts directed toward improved health care and education in the developing world. It is critical to the success of such efforts that individuals capable of working at the intersection of technology, development and social practice be involved.

The ATLAS MS in Information and Communication Technology for Development (MS-ICTD) program seeks to train individuals who can help bridge the gap between the advantages of the networked information society, and those with the greatest potential to benefit if issues of access, social equity, sustainability, and appropriate design and distribution are addressed.

Why Academic Practitioners?

The MS-ICTD program seeks to produce graduates who are capable of creating and leading comprehensive, equitable and appropriate initiatives that will support sustainable community and economic development.

We recognize that development is a path, not an endpoint, and that the technologies that can contribute to development are varied. Students in the practice-oriented MS-ICTD program will examine the complex and interrelated challenges associated with community and economic development, and will explore the technical and social aspects of technologies that have the potential to contribute to this development.

Why ATLAS?

The ATLAS MS-ICTD program at the University of Colorado at Boulder is among the first such programs in the world. The University of Colorado has a deep commitment to international development research, teaching and practice. Located in the foothills of the beautiful Rocky Mountains, Boulder has been consistently ranked as one of the “smartest cities in America.”

The ATLAS Institute provides a creative, multidisciplinary environment that contributes to the understanding of the interaction of ICT and human society, and to the realization of the full potential of that interaction. ATLAS creates interdisciplinary programs that make people more capable learners, more innovative teachers, more creative thinkers, more effective leaders and more engaged global citizens.

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