An interdisciplinary approach to information and technology management that is designed for busy executives with IT oversight responsibilities looking to be more effective and impactful in their leadership roles.

This six-month program is delivered via synchronous distance learning to meet the needs of these busy professionals. Through impactful coursework and a strategic hands-on project with members of your cohort, the CIO Program provides you with the skills and insights that you need to be an effective CIO in an increasingly digitized world.

The CIO Program imparts applicable training, including topical discussion on current IT challenges and best practices. Learning objectives are met through a combination of expert faculty instruction, business case analyses, and active exchanges with industry thought leaders. As part of this certificate program, you will also work within a team to develop a new information technology strategic plan for an organization and deliver a final executive presentation. This project is designed to imitate a realistic executive board setting with a focus on the application of several of the methods, tools, and techniques taught during the program.

#1 RANKED
Heinz College is the #1 Analytics Education Program and has been #1 in Information and Technology Management since 2001
PROGRAM MODULES

Role of the CIO
Steve Agnoli | CIO – Reed Smith

IT Strategy and Management, Part 1: Business Alignment
Chris Labash | Associate Teaching Professor – CMU Heinz College
Ken Spangler | Executive Vice President IT – CIO
Global OpCo Technologies: Express, Ground, Freight, Logistics, FedEx

Enterprise Architecture Best Practices
Robert McVay | Partner – Optimus Partners, LLC

IT Strategy and Management, Part 2: Dealing with Change
Mukul Chopra | CIO – Wellforce IT

PMO and Driving Execution + Vendor Management Best Practices
Bill Fortwangler | Senior Vice President & CIO – Dollar Bank

CIO Communication Strategies
Chris Labash | Associate Teaching Professor – CMU Heinz College

CIO’s Role in Product Development
Summer Fowler | CIO – Argo AI

Agile and DevOps Process and Implementation
Hasan Yasar | Technical Director, Continuous Deployment of Capability – SEI

Financial Management Strategies for the CIO
Davor Brkovich | CIO – Matthews International

Cybersecurity for the CIO + SCRM + BC/DR Best Practices
Gary Simms | Distinguished Architect, Information Security Strategist – Walmart
Matt Butkovic | Technical Director of Cybersecurity
Risk and Resilience – CERT Division of SEI

Data Management for CIOs
David Steier | Distinguished Service Professor – CMU Heinz College

Leadership and Decision Making
David Lassman | Distinguished Service Professor of Organizational Management, CMU Heinz College

CIO Organization Structure and Operations + Service Delivery Excellence
Liam Durbin | CIO – T. Marzetti Company
Ryan Smalley | Adjunct Instructor – CMU Heinz College

For module descriptions, please visit www.heinz.cmu.edu/cio

INSTRUCTOR TESTIMONIAL

“CIOs bring together a deep understanding of technology and business drivers, emerging trends, and transformations that can lead an organization forward. The Heinz College CIO Program provides key learning and experiential opportunities leveraging CMU’s reputation and resources, direct access to experienced senior executives in related fields, and collaboration between IT leaders from a diverse array of industries and backgrounds. It is a critically important professional development tool for those new to the role or aspiring to be a future CIO.”

– Steven W. Agnoli, Chief Information Officer – Reed Smith
PRACTICUM
During the CIO Practicum, students are required to demonstrate their knowledge, skills, and abilities as a CIO by working in teams to conceive, develop, and deliver a new strategic technology roadmap for a project organization that is applicable in today’s business environment.

- This unique capstone activity provides student teams a mechanism to demonstrate their knowledge, skills, and abilities in enterprise technology management and leadership.
- In order to be successful, teams need to demonstrate command of the material through focusing on application of the methods, tools, and techniques taught in the modules and throughout the program.
- Practicum projects are designed for small teams of students to develop, along with an experienced CIO coach, a strategic technology improvement roadmap for a project company.
- Teams must also make an executive presentation to a simulated “C-suite”, thus communicating to their peers (and board) of the project company the benefits of the new roadmap to gain their acceptance.
- The CIO Program committee assembles teams to ensure that they consist of individuals from different industries/backgrounds to provide a unique learning experience for each student.

ALUMNA TESTIMONIAL
“This is a peerless and preeminent CIO program structured on science and research delivered through academic formats and built on a philosophy of real-world organization and technology circumstances. Impressive academic instructions and peer interactions that will inspire and provide the skills for even the most seasoned technology leader. This program has been an inflection point in my career, a new career trajectory of leading technology disruption and digital transformation.”

- Susan Tincher | Associate Chief Information Office, Infrastructure – University Southern California

ASSOCIATE DEAN TESTIMONIAL
“The CMU CIO Program at the Heinz College is the foundation of our suite of executive education offerings. Since its inception in 2001, it has been fascinating to see the program’s evolution to what it has become today. The CIO Program is unique in its ability to deliver a set of working tools to IT leaders along with the tacit knowledge on applying these methods in the face of complexity. The program’s strength is its ability to build a community of professionals that share similar IT challenges across vastly different industries.”

- Andy Wasser | Associate Dean, School of Information Systems and Management; Adjunct Faculty – CMU Heinz College
PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

What are the steps to earning the CIO Program Certificate?

1. **Candidate Acceptance**: Each applicant must have sufficient practical experience (five years) with increasing responsibility in a managerial capacity. An undergraduate or advanced degree in a relevant field is preferred.

2. **Participation**: Participants must complete all certificate modules and assignments and attend all coaching sessions.

3. **Practicum Project**: During the CIO Practicum, students are required to demonstrate their knowledge, skills, and abilities as a CIO by working in teams to develop a strategic technology roadmap and deliver a formal presentation to an executive suite.

Receive Your Certificate! The CIO Program Certificate includes the following benefits:

- Free entry to any future CIO Program modules (prior approval is required)

- Path to a Master’s Degree: Students who complete the CIO Certificate are eligible for a tuition discount scholarship equal to the total amount paid to complete the CIO Program

- Official CIO Program logo for display

PROGRAM LOGISTICS

**Program Dates:**
For program dates, please visit www.heinz.cmu.edu/cio

**Program Fees:**
Full Rate: $19,500
Discounted Rate: $15,600
Applies to CMU alumni, non-profit employees, CMU CyLab Partners, U.S. government employees, and veterans.

**Application Deadline:**
For application deadline, please visit www.heinz.cmu.edu/cio

Please submit your application as soon as possible for consideration.

If space remains in the cohort after the given deadline, we will continue to accept applications on a first-come, first-served basis.

To Apply: hnz.cm/cio-apply