



Official Contest Rules

Failure to meet these rules will result in disqualification from the contest.

1. At least one member of each team must be a matriculated student at an eligible UC campus to enter the contest. Please visit contest category descriptions to view a list of eligible campuses for each category.
2. Big Ideas projects must be student initiated and student led. Faculty, staff, and external partners may only play an advisory role for student teams.
3. Student teams may submit an application to only one category. If an application is submitted to more than one category, only the first submission received will be reviewed. One student may participate in more than one project team so long as each team submits a unique pre-proposal application.
4. Student teams cannot seek funding from Big Ideas for projects that have previously won a Big Ideas award, unless they are submitting a proposal in the "Scaling Up Big Ideas" category. Teams that have won a Scaling Up award in the past are not eligible to reapply.

Prizes will only be awarded for high-quality submissions. Decisions of the judges are final and not subject to appeal. Please note that many contest categories have category-specific rules. Applicants should carefully review the descriptions for the category to which they are applying.