Get More Support For Your Big Idea!

Thank you for your recent submission to the Big Ideas Contest!

The judges have begun their reviews and all teams will be notified via email about their status for the final round by mid-December. Although the Big Ideas pre-proposal deadline has passed, there are other great opportunities (below) to get funding and support for your innovative project. *Application deadlines are quickly approaching, so don't delay!*

Also, while you await news on your Big Ideas application, please remember that our Big Ideas advising hours **are still open! Big Ideas teams looking for additional support are encouraged to sign up for in-person or remote advising sessions.**

Competition & Funding Opportunities

UC Berkeley Spring 2017 Crowdfunding Campaign
(*Eligibility: UC Berkeley teams only*)
Numerous Big Ideas teams have utilized UC Berkeley's Crowdfunding platform to raise additional funding for their innovative projects. Over the past 18 months, six Big Ideas winners have raised over $30,000! Learn more and apply here by December 1st.

LAUNCH Startup Accelerator and Competition
(*Eligibility: Current student, faculty, staff or an alumni of any UC campus*)
Don't miss the opportunity to grow your startup with LAUNCH, a leading startup accelerator serving the entire UC system. Notable alumni businesses and entrepreneurs include previous Big Ideas winners Dost and LiftEd (2016 LAUNCH Grand Prize winner) and Transcense (2015 LAUNCH Grand Prize winner). Apply here by December 2nd.

Global Social Venture Competition
(*Eligibility: Any higher ed current student or recent graduate*)
If you are a young startup aiming to make a difference in the world, don't miss your opportunity to compete in the 2017 Global Social Venture Competition (GSVC) for up to $80,000 in prize money. GSVC past winners have included Big Ideas teams such as NextDrop and WE CARE Solar. Learn more or apply here by December 5th.

Fast Company's World Changing Ideas Award

(Eligibility: Open to all)
Fast Company's first-ever World Changing Ideas Awards competition rewards ideas, projects, and products from the last year that have the potential to alter the lives of people and the direction of the planet for the better. Learn more here and apply by December 8th.

VentureWell's E-Team program
(Eligibility: Open to university students from ~150 designated campuses.)
VentureWell's E-Team program provides early-stage funding of up to $25,000 and cultivates opportunities for student STEM inventors and innovators to move ideas out of the lab and into the market. There will be an informational webinar on November 30th at 9am PT, register here. Learn more and apply here by January 25th.

I am a UC Entrepreneur Campaign!
(Eligibility: All UC system students, faculty, staff, postdocs and alumni)
Are you a UC entrepreneur? Gain exposure and share your entrepreneurship story here via a 30-second video for a free T-shirt and chance to win lunch with UC President Janet Napolitano and Senior Vice President of Innovation & Entrepreneurship Christine Gulbranson.

Upcoming Events

Talk by DoorDash Founder and CEO Tony Xu
Tony Xu, an innovative leader in the fields of infrastructure engineering and logistics will discuss his experience founding on-demand delivery company DoorDash and his thoughts on the future of on-demand services at large. Register here, event December 1st 5pm.

UC Berkeley Augmented Reality Hackathon
Interested in working on cutting-edge AR hardware and APIs to hack novel solutions with a business model in mind? Then register for UC Berkeley's AR Hackathon taking place on December 2nd and 3rd here to submit your entry and find likeminded teammates!

The House Fund's Founder's Bootcamp
The House Fund are putting on an event which will bring together leading investors, entrepreneurs, attorneys, and executives to cover the fundamentals of building a business – from incorporation to Series A. Learn more and register here, event December 2nd 10am-6pm.