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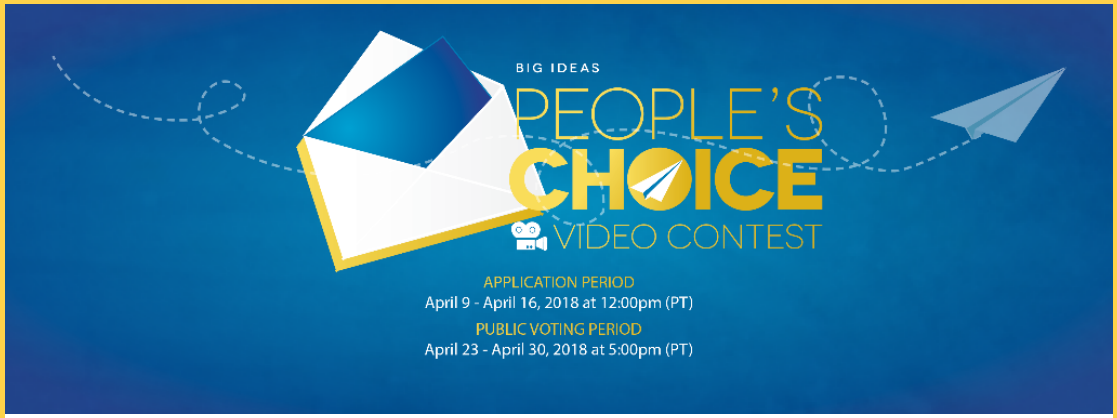
BIG IDEAS Bulletin

Tips and tools for the Big Ideas community



The People's Choice Video Contest platform is live! All 2017-2018 Big Ideas pre-proposal applicants are invited to submit a video of their venture by April 16 for a chance to win $2,500. Public voting occurs between April 23 - 30, and the team with the most votes wins! Enter your video today!

Join us for these exciting Big Ideas events!

Autodesk Fusion 360 Workshop

April 19 I 3-5pm I 330 Blum Hall, UC Berkeley

Learn to use Autodesk's Fusion 360 program, a collaborative, radically intuitive, cloud-based industrial and mechanical design platform, sometimes called, "a next-generation tool for the next generation." No prior experience is necessary - all levels of experience welcome!

Grand Prize Pitch Day

April 25 | 5-8pm | B100 Blum Hall, UC Berkeley

The top teams from this year's Contest will share their innovative ideas with the Big Ideas community in the seventh annual Big Ideas Grand Prize Pitch Day. Vying for prizes of up to $5,000, teams will pitch their visions for social change in front of a panel of esteemed judges. This annual highlight of the Big Ideas Contest is an exciting event with opportunities for audience participation and networking. Refreshments will be served.

Tech & Data for Good Showcase Day

April 30 | 2:30-5:30pm | 310 Banatao Auditorium, Sutardja Dai Hall, UC Berkeley

The Tech & Data for Good Showcase Day will highlight student-led projects that apply tech and data for social good. The event will showcase student projects from the CITRIS Tech for Social Good Program; the Center for Technology, Society and Policy (CTSP) Data for

Good Project, sponsored by Facebook; and Big Ideas Connected Communities teams.

Awards Celebration

May 2 | 5-8pm | B100 Blum Hall, UC Berkeley

The Awards Celebration brings together the entire Big Ideas community to mark the conclusion of the 2017-2018 Contest. This year's winners participate in a poster session, have the opportunity to demo their prototypes, and speak with attendees. Winning teams will be formally recognized and there will be plenty of opportunities for judges, mentors, industry professionals and teams to network, engage and learn. Refreshments will be served.

BIG IDEAS Alumni Spotlights

Nikita Bier (Big Ideas alumnus, 2012) recently attended the Newton Lecture Series held at UC Berkeley, hosted by the House Fund's Jeremy Fiance (Big Ideas alumnus, 2013), to speak to students about his journey creating TBH, the viral social media app that was acquired by Facebook in 2017. Read more about his story here.

Big Ideas Alumni: Email us if you have an update to share, an opportunity to advertise, and/or are in need of additional resources!

Other Opportunities

Haas Dean's Startup Seed Fund

Open to all early stage startups w/ at least one UC Berkeley Haas student (undergrad or MBA). The Dean's Startup Seed Fund provides $5k grants and office space to early stage start ups involving current Haas students. The grants are intended for use in prototype development and customer discovery activities. Apply by **April 13.**

2018 Clinton Global Initiative University

Open to UC Berkeley students. Seeking more support for your Big Ideas proposal? Apply to attend the 2018 Clinton Global Initiative University to develop your idea, network with young leaders, and meet with high level mentors (each year the Blum Center supports limited travel reimbursements for UC Berkeley students to attend)! CGIU is a high-level conference that brings together young leaders who have social impact projects that address a pressing challenge on campus, in their local community, or in a different part of the world. Students graduating in Spring 2018 are still eligible to apply. Apply by **April**

23 or email Chloe Gregori with questions.

VentureWell Entrepreneur-Team Grant Program
Open to all student entrepreneurs. Receive an E-Team grant and get training through VentureWell's early stage innovator training program. The training provides peer networking, expert coaching, national recognition, and hands-on workshops to move your innovation forward. Apply by **May 2.**

NIBIB and VentureWell DEBUT Challenge
Open to student biomedical entrepreneurs. The National Institute of Biomedical Imaging and Bioengineering (NIBIB) and VentureWell DEBUT challenge offers undergraduate student teams the chance to win up to $20k by submitting innovative solutions to unmet healthcare problems. Apply by **May 31.**

Autodesk Entrepreneur Impact Program
Open to businesses that are less than 5 years old, have fewer than 10 employees, and have less than $1M USD in annual revenue. Eligible start-up organizations in the social, environmental, and cleantech industries may qualify for Autodesk software valued up to $200k per year, or $600k total for a 3 year period. To assess eligibility, complete the online form here.

Upcoming Events

CalHacks' this is IT: Inclusivity in Tech
April 11 | 7-9pm | The House, UC Berkeley
Cal Hacks proudly presents "this is IT: Inclusivity in Technology", a three-part workshop and speaker series that brings new viewpoints on increasing diversity in various sectors of entrepreneurship and technology. As technology advances and products are pushed out everyday to enhance people's lives, it's important to ensure that these creations aid not only the general public, but also underrepresented demographics. Join Cal Hacks for three evenings (April 11, 18, 24) of thought-provoking workshops and ultimately leave with new perspectives on how to use technology to challenge the status quo.

AI: Shape the Future
April 13 | 8:30am-4:30pm | Pauley Ballroom, UC Berkeley
Want to keep up with how AI is changing the world? Check out *AI: Shape the Future*, UC Berkeley's first full-day event focused on exploring AI through the multidisciplinary lenses of CS, business and more. The event will showcase the best AI projects and thought leaders from various corners of campus to start a more complete, thoughtful, and nuanced discussion on the future of AI. Sign up here.

Singularity University Incubator: Exponential Unconference
April 14 | 10am-5pm | Singularity University Classroom, NASA Research Park
You are invited to join the Singularity University Incubator cohort for an Exponential Unconference and Founder Finder networking reception! An unconference is a conference organized, structured and led by the people attending it. This unconference is geared towards startup founders, impact wonks, investors, mentors and everyone in between with an interest in the startup world or in solving Global Grand Challenges! Lunch and snacks will be served. RSVP here and reach out to Molly Pyle, Program Manager at SU Ventures if you have any additional questions.

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