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Newsletter Tips and tools for the Big Ideas community



### Celebrating UC Berkeley's 150 years with 150 Big Ideas

To mark UC Berkeley's 150th year, Joseph Kim, UCB class of 2020, designed an amazing interactive graphic showcasing 150 Big Ideas winners. Check out these 150 innovations and read about the graphics <u>here</u>. (link <u>UC Berkeley News website</u>.)



# Join the Big Ideas Team as an Innovation Ambassador!

Attention students at UC Merced, Santa Cruz, Davis, & Los Angeles

Are you a student interested in social impact, entrepreneurship & innovation, or public service? Big Ideas is recruiting highly motivated undergraduate or graduate students to serve as Innovation Ambassadors at each UC campus! Benefits include stipends, training, and professional development. <u>Apply here ASAP!</u>

# **Alumni Spotlights**

 Innovis Medical (2018 winner) is highlighted in the <u>Blum Center Newsletter</u>. Read about their device that helps diagnose and treat soldiers in the field faster and more accurately than traditional lab equipment.

- <u>100 Strong</u> (2013 winner) team lead, Vindra Agarwal, joined the Clinton Global Initiative University (CGIU) as a <u>2018-2019 Commitment Mentor</u>. She will facilitate conversation, share resources, promote networking, and help CGI U participants refine their Commitments to Action.
- <u>Acari</u> (2018 winner) was featured on the front page of <u>the San Francisco Chronicle</u>. Read about their remarkable fish jerky and their entrance into the US market.
- <u>Giving Fund</u> (2018 winner) CEO, Samantha Penabad, was featured in <u>Financial Times</u> about her experiences starting a business. Also interesting is her <u>how-to article on LinkedIn</u> to help future social entrepreneurs.
- <u>Mama-Ope</u> (2016 winner) recently <u>secured \$25,000 in seed funding</u> from the startup incubator <u>Villgro Kenya</u>, for their pneumonia jacket aimed at providing diagnostic support for doctors, nurses, and community health workers in low resource settings.

## **Alumni Job Opportunities**

- <u>Back to the Roots</u> (2009 winner), a sustainable food company, is hiring for <u>sales, marketing</u>, <u>and operations roles</u> in Oakland, CA.
- <u>Bolt Threads</u> (2006 winner), is hiring for <u>product development</u>, <u>process development</u>, <u>finance</u>, <u>analytical</u>, <u>and engineering roles</u>.

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

### **Resources for Early-Stage Innovators**

### Cyclotron Road Fellowship

**Open to researchers/innovators with a PhD or equivalent experience.** Be a part of the world's first entrepreneurial research fellowship! Cyclotron Road's fellowship helps researchers take hard tech innovation to market. As a member of the cohort, you participate in a 2-year fellowship, gain access to research facilities and expertise, and a join a program with mentorship, education and networking. Learn more by signing up for their next webinar on August 10, 2018.

### Call for Proposals: 2018 Collaborative Data Innovations

**Open to all social entrepreneurs.** The World Bank's Development Data Group (DECDG), in collaboration with the Global Partnership for Sustainable Development Data (GPSDD) is seeking proposals for "Collaborative Data Innovations for Sustainable Development". This program encourages collaboration, experimentation, learning and capacity development around sustainable development data. Funding ranges from \$25,000 to \$250,000, and the deadline <u>to apply is</u> **August 15, 2018**.

#### Clinton Foundation Codethon 2018: Disaster Relief

**Open to all student innovators.** <u>Apply now</u> to participate in the Clinton Foundation Codeathon happening Thursday, October 18 to Friday, October 19, in advance of the Clinton Global Initiative University (CGI U) meeting at the University of Chicago. This year's Codeathon will challenge students to build unique digital prototypes and tools that can increase the effectiveness of response and recovery efforts following natural disasters. Contact Chloe Gregori at <u>cgregori@berkeley.edu</u> for more information. **Application Deadline: August 17, 2018**.

#### VentureWell Entrepreneur-Team Grant Program

**Open to 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. **Application opens on August 20, 2018**.

#### **Batchery Incubator Accepting Applications**

**Open to software, hardware, B2B and B2C startups.** The Batchery is an Berkeley-based global incubator for seed stage entrepreneurs ready to take their startup to the next level. The program costs \$300 per month, is centered in the Bay Area ecosystem, and also runs remotely. Find the tools, education, and mentorship you need to achieve your next step. <u>Apply here</u>.

#### World Food Programm Innovation Accelerator Programme

**Open to all social enterprises.** The World Food Programme is accepting applications for its Innovation Accelerator Programme which supports innovators and start-up companies working to end global hunger. You can receive up to \$100,000 in funding, and winners will gain access to a network of experts and a global field reach. Proposals are due by **September 24, 2018.** 

## **Upcoming Events**

#### **Big Ideas DC Network Happy Hour**

#### Thursday, August 9 | 6:00pm ET | Washington, DC

Members of the Big Ideas community in the Washington, DC area are invited to a networking happy hour hosted by Francis Gonzales, our Big Ideas Network Manager. Come grab a drink, swap stories with other judges about the best (or wildest) ideas you've seen come through the Contest, and meet others who share your passion for supporting the next generation of change makers. We hope to see you there!

#### Non-Engineering Careers at Bay Area Tech Companies

#### Tuesday, August 21 | 6:00pm | ImpactHub Oakland

Join organizers, 100 Black Men, for a discussion and panel comprised of top recruiters, diversity professionals and directors from cutting edge technology companies. The panel will be focused on non-engineering positions that need to be filled, what makes an ideal candidate for those positions, interview pitfalls to avoid, trends, as well as taking questions from the audience. Currently representatives from AppDynamics, Couchbase, CSAA, Uber, Twilio, and Always Hired will be there to meet with and hire career candidates.



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