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Tips and tools for the Big Ideas community

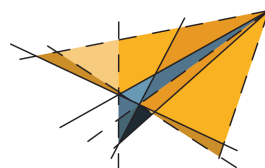
**Big Ideas is excited to add Danielle Bicknell as a Program Manager to the team!**

[Dani](#) has a decade of work experience in private, public and nonprofit sectors. She was formerly a program specialist in the Division for Gender Equality at [UNESCO](#), on the founding team of [LendUp](#) (a fintech startup), and consulted for numerous organizations in the US, Canada, Latin America and Europe on operations and project management. She has a background in cross-sector collaboration, scaling, social innovation, financial education, entrepreneurship, and gender mainstreaming.

Dani is holding special [Summer Advising Hours](#) for students looking to get a head start on their Fall pre-proposal applications, or alumni who need further advice. Sign up today!

Big Ideas is Hiring!**[Innovation Ambassadors, UC System](#)**

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 school! Benefits include stipends, training, and professional development. Apply ASAP!

**[Sustainable Design Graduate Student Researcher](#)**

Summer - Fall 2018 (start date flexible, as early as July 1).

Big Ideas is hiring a Summer/Fall 2018 Masters or PhD GSR who will develop workshops and resources that integrate design thinking, circular economy principles, and sustainability into the Big Ideas Contest. The goal is to help student innovators examine the potential environmental impacts of their innovations at the very beginning phase of their invention. Apply ASAP!

Alumni Spotlights

- **Farmview (2017 winner)** lead Adam Calo highlights his research on the inability of young farmers to gain access to suitable farmland on the [Just Food podcast](#).
- **Copia (2012 winner)** named one of the [The Spoon's Food Tech 25: Twenty Five Companies Changing the Way We Eat](#).
- **Sanivation (2015 and 2016 winner)** featured in [USAID's Global Waters blog](#) for their work with the agency to turn waste into fuel briquettes in Kenya.

- [Acorn Labs](#) (2016 winner) lead Michelle Nie [shares her advice](#) on turning a student project into an independent organization, and [how to incorporate in California](#).

Alumni Job Opportunities

- **Marhub (2018 winner)**, a chatbot for refugees, is hiring a [Full Stack Engineer](#) in Berkeley, London, or remotely.
- **The Somo Project (2015 and 2016 winner)**, an entrepreneurship training program in low-income urban communities, is hiring a [Manager of Partnership Programs](#) in Nairobi, Kenya.
- **Back to the Roots (2009 winner)**, a sustainable food company, is hiring for [marketing, supply chain, and business development roles](#) in Oakland, CA.
- **Bolt Threads (2006 winner)**, is hiring for [product development, process development, finance, analytical and engineering roles](#).

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

Resources for Early-Stage Innovators

[SOCAP Entrepreneur Scholarship Program](#)

Open to social entrepreneurs. The Social Capital Markets conference (October 23-26, San Francisco) activates capital markets to drive positive social impact by convening key players in the impact investment space. Innovators using market-based solutions to solve a social or environmental challenges can apply for a SOCAP Scholarship. The scholarship covers the \$1,495 conference fee, accommodations, and the pre-conference accelerator program. [Apply by June 30](#).

[MIT Solve: Call for Solutions](#)

Open to social entrepreneurs with innovative solutions. MIT Solve offers more than \$650,000 in prizes for solutions developed for 4 global challenges: Coastal Communities, Frontlines of Health, Teachers and Educators, and Work of the Future. Once selected, a group of finalists are connected with Solve's community of cross-sector leaders to support the implementation of innovative and scalable ideas. [Learn more](#) about Solve and apply by July 1.

[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. [Register for the upcoming webinar](#) on July 10.

[Cyclotron Road Fellowship](#)

Open to researchers/innovators with a PhD or equivalent experience. Cyclotron Road is an entrepreneurial research fellowship that 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. The [next webinar](#) will be held on July 18.

[Africa Prize for Engineering Innovation](#)

Open to citizens from a sub-Saharan African country with an engineering innovation. The Africa Prize encourages ambitious and talented sub-Saharan African engineers from all disciplines to apply their skills to develop scalable solutions to local challenges. Crucial commercialisation support is awarded to a shortlist of innovative applicants through an eight-month period of training and mentoring. 4 prizes range from £10,000 - 25,000. [Apply](#) by July 23.

[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. [Apply here](#).

[Autodesk Entrepreneur Impact Program](#)

Open to businesses that are less than 5 years old, have fewer than 10 employees, and have less than \$1M in annual revenue. Eligible start-up organizations in the social, environmental, and cleantech industries may qualify for Autodesk software valued up to \$200,000 per year, or \$600,000 total for a 3 year period. To assess eligibility, complete the online form [here](#).

[Philanthropy University Free Online Classes](#)

Open to everyone. Philanthropy University's innovative learning platform accelerates the impact of local civil society organizations by providing free online courses and vibrant online communities, optimized for leaders working on global challenges around the world. Learn more about the courses [here](#).

Upcoming Events

[Better Ventures Mission Driven Founder Roundtable](#)

Friday, Jun 29 | 9:00am | ImpactHub Oakland

Join Better Ventures for an engaging discussion on the evolving fundraising landscape and an interactive pitch workshop. Collaborate with fellow founders and have an opportunity to pitch your startup and receive feedback. We'll share with you what we look for as a fund, plus tips on how to prepare for a successful investor meeting.

[Uptima Oakland Accelerator's Startup Networking Night](#)

Thursday, Jul 5 | 7:00pm | ImpactHub Oakland

Meet and connect with other startup founders participating in the Uptima Oakland Accelerator program and hear short pitches from the entrepreneurs in their [Funding a Business](#) module.



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