



All teams who submitted a pre-proposal application to the 2017-2018 Big Ideas Contest are invited to submit a 2 minute video to the Big Ideas People's Choice Video Contest in April. The video with the most votes at the end of the voting period will receive a \$2,500 award! Participation instructions [here](#).



Big Ideas is Hiring!

Our team is recruiting for a full-time **Contest Manager** (staff position), and several part-time student positions: **Salesforce Coordinator**, **Website Coordinator**, and **Administrative Assistant**. Check out our [jobs](#) page to learn more and apply!



[Solstice](#) (2017 winner), a US-based community solar startup, was featured in the [Social Innovations Journal](#) for providing a more inclusive and affordable energy system for low-income communities in America!



- **The Somo Project (2015 and 2016 winner)**, a business incubator that works with entrepreneurs in Kenya to build sustainable enterprises, is [hiring for a full-time director!](#)
- **MigRadio Podcast (2017 winner)**, aired its first bilingual audio story on [Public Radio International](#) and [Radio Bilingue](#), focusing on a migrant shelter that was affected by the 8.1 earthquake in Mexico last year, leaving Central American migrants more vulnerable in their journeys north.
- **eHealth Africa's (2009 winner)** innovative work establishing new standards in health delivery and emergency response in Nigeria was highlighted by philanthropist Bill Gates in an interview with [The Star](#).

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

[House Residency Applications Open](#)

Open to UC Berkeley-affiliated founders including students, alumni, post-docs, and faculty. The House Residency is an accelerator program built to provide founders with what they need, when they need it, to turn a startup into a scalable, venture back-able business. They offer investment (up to \$120k) to all companies that join the program and work with our companies to raise their seed and Series A rounds of financing to prepare them for growth. [Apply](#) by **March 23**.

[Berkeley SkyDeck Applications Open](#)

Open to students, alumni, post-docs, faculty, and visiting scholars affiliated with UC Berkeley, LBNL, or UCSF. Looking to accelerate your startup? Apply to Berkeley SkyDeck, the global accelerator located at UC Berkeley! UC Berkeley's entrepreneurial ecosystem, workspace in the Penthouse of the tallest building in downtown Berkeley, help with access to lab space, over \$250k in in-kind resources, PLUS the \$100k investment by the Berkeley SkyDeck Fund (backed by top Silicon Valley VCs) will prepare you for a Demo Day pitch in front of hundreds of Silicon Valley investors. Half of fund profits go to UC Berkeley! Learn more about the process and applicable dates [here](#). [Apply](#) by **March 30**.

[NSF SBIR/STTR Proposal Development Course](#)

Each year, the [National Science Foundations's America Seed Fund](#) awards \$190 million in funding to entrepreneurs and small businesses through SBIR/STTR grants to validate high impact technologies. [Berkeley IPIRA](#) is hosting a 4-week course from April - May 2018 to provide detailed instruction on developing a competitive proposal for the NSF SBIR/STTR program (timed to coincide with the June 2018 deadline). Big Ideas Alumni are offered an \$80 discount! [Email our team](#) for the code.

[VentureWell BMEidea Competition](#)

Open to student biomedical entrepreneurs. The VentureWell national BMEidea competition offers university biomedical entrepreneurs the chance to win up to \$10k. Participants can also receive critical early stage validation of their ideas. [Apply](#) by **April 4**.

[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. [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**.

Upcoming Events

[Clinton Global Initiative University Bay Area Information Session](#)

March 14 | 6:30-8:30pm | B100, The Blum Center for Developing Economies

Join the [Clinton Global Initiative University \(CGI U\)](#), on Wednesday, March 14 at The Blum Center for Developing Economies for an exciting networking event open to any student or faculty member in the Bay Area. CGI U staff will offer a presentation about the CGI U Commitment to Action model and how to apply to attend the 2018 annual meeting taking place at the University of Chicago from October 19-21, 2018. This is followed by a panel discussion with CGI U alumni who have demonstrated successful Commitments to Action. RSVP [here](#).

[GSVC Future of Social Ventures Conference](#)

March 16 | 8:30am-5:30pm | Haas School of Business, UC Berkeley

The Global Social Venture Competition (GSVC) invites members of the social impact community to advance practice, sharing, learning, and acceleration of social ventures. The Conference will feature keynotes from Leila Janah, Founder and CEO of Samasource and LXMI, and Carlos Orellana, Co-Founder and CEO of salaUno. The event also features a design-thinking workshop and impact investing session with professionals from OpenIDEO and Omidyar.

[Better Ventures Demo Oakland](#)

March 26 | 6:30-9pm | The New Parkway Theater, Oakland

Join Better Ventures for their next Demo Oakland, a great opportunity for technologists to demo the fruits of their labor on the big screen at the charming New Parkway Theater. Collaborate with fellow early-stage founders building a better world, and get to know Better Ventures, ICA Fund Good Jobs, and Alliance for Community Development.

[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*, Cal's first full-day event focused on exploring AI through the multidisciplinary lenses of CS, business and more. The event will showcase Cal's 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. Interested? Sign up here: aishapethefuture.com



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