

RUDD FAMILY FOUNDATION

**BIG IDEAS****Bulletin**

Tips and tools for the Big Ideas community



## [Congratulations to all the 2018 Big Ideas Winners!](#)

Did you miss the Grand Prize Pitch Day and Awards Celebration events? Check out the [videos of pitch day presentations](#), [photos](#), and [full list of this year's winners!](#)

## Big Ideas Alumni Spotlights

- [Acari \(2018 winner\)](#) was featured in [Berkeley News](#) for turning Mexico's invasive devil fish into jerky.
- [Spotlight on Hope Film Camp \(2017 winner\)](#) was featured in the [Daily Trojan](#) for expanding their film workshops for pediatric cancer patients to the University of Southern California.
- [Global Water Labs \(2016 & 2017 winner\)](#) founder Katya Cherukumilli was [spotlighted by VentureWell](#) for her work developing a scalable and affordable fluoride removable technology. She was an [E-Team](#) grantee and third place winner of the 2018 [OPEN Minds Showcase](#).
- [Loo Lab \(2018 winner\)](#) has launched a [crowdfunding campaign](#) to develop safe and affordable fecal waste management systems in Rwanda - help them by contributing today!

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

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## Resources for Early-Stage Innovators

### [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**.

### [GSBI Bay Area Boost Workshop \(July 24-26\)](#)

Open to social entrepreneurs serving the Bay Area. The Miller Center for Social Entrepreneurship and Catholic Charities of Santa Clara County are joining forces to run a San Francisco Bay Area GSBI Boost, a free 3-day capacity building workshop specifically for social entrepreneurs that are impacting the lives of those in need in the Bay Area. The workshop will take place from July 24 - 26, 2018 in San Jose, California. After this Boost program, participants will have the opportunity to matriculate into the [GSBI Online accelerator](#), a six-month accelerator program. [Apply](#) by **June 1**.

### [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](#).

### [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](#).

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## Upcoming Events

### [DIL State of the Science Conference 2018: Development Engineering & the Fight Against Poverty](#)

**Monday, June 4 | Blum Center, UC Berkeley | 9:00 am - 4:00 pm | [Registration required](#)**

The Development Impact Lab (DIL) is a global consortium committed to advancing international development through science and technology innovations. The 2018 conference will focus on two key research thrusts: 1) Energy and Reliability and 2) Cash as a Benchmark. Hear updates from DIL-funded researchers, and to participate in interactive discussions!

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## Other Opportunities

## Apply to the Fall 2018 Hacking 4 Defense class!

Open to UC Berkeley graduate and undergraduate students. Students from all disciplines, including engineering, business, social sciences, and others, will work on interdisciplinary teams to design and innovate a solution to a real-world problem experienced by a Department of Defense unit or defense-related organization. Learn more and apply [here](#) or reach out to [Sophi Martin](#) with questions.

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