

# Big Ideas Bulletin 2/14

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## [Big Ideas Abroad: Supporting Student Innovation in Uganda](#)

Since 2013, the Big Ideas Contest has been open to [Makerere University](#), Uganda's largest post-secondary school and leader in innovation and research. Makerere students' participation in Big Ideas has since risen dramatically: the university now accounts for the highest representation of Big Ideas pre-proposal submissions from any school outside of UC Berkeley. Read more about how Big Ideas helps foster and leverage innovation and entrepreneurship abroad [here](#).



*Big Ideas Director Phillip Denny meets with Makerere University's mDex and PedalTap teams. MDex is developing a point of care diagnostic tool aiming to increase access to sickle cell diagnostic services in low-resourced areas. PedalTap is prototyping a free-standing, universally-fitting water tap attachment aiming to prevent the spread of infection at communal hand washing facilities in Uganda.*

## [Big Ideas Writing & Advising Workshop](#)

Wed, February 15 | 4:30 - 8:00pm PT | B100 Blum Hall | Skype/In Person | [RSVP required](#)

Open to Big Ideas applicants. Sign up for a one-on-one consultation with a topic area expert to strengthen your social innovation. Get legal, financing, branding, and design thinking advice on your project, or have your draft proposal reviewed by an advisor!

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*The PIR program connects on-campus innovators and social entrepreneurs with a wide range of experts from industry, non-profits, government, and social enterprises. Receive real-world feedback and mentoring as you develop your big idea*

- [Glenn Yago, Senior Director, Israel Center; Senior Fellow; and Founder, Financial Innovations Labs®](#)  
Tuesday, February 21, 2017 from 10:00 to 1:00 PM (PT).  
Non-profit Funding; Environmental & Social Financing; Financial Innovation; Sustainable Development; Renewable Energy
  - [Sangeeta Chowdhry, Program Director, Economic and Political Empowerment, Global Fund for Women](#)  
Friday, February 24, 2017 from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM (PT)  
Business Development, Product Marketing, Market-Based Solutions, Social Entrepreneurship, Grant Development, WASH, Women's Empowerment, Fundraising
  - [Amit Bandopadhyaya, Senior Director of the Clean Energy and Water Group, Winrock International](#)  
Monday, March 13, 2017 from 3:00 to 5:00 PM (PT)  
Clean Energy; Renewables; Water; Energy Policy; Urban Infrastructure; Economics
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## Grants, Prizes & Challenges

### **MIT Clean Energy Prize - New Developing Economies Track**

The MIT Clean Energy Prize is a multi-stage, student-organized business plan competition. In 2016, student entrepreneurial teams competed for a \$100,000 Grand Prize and \$125,000 in category prizes, among other awards. Student teams enter their business ideas in one of four categories: Generating Energy, Delivering Energy, Improving Energy Usage, and Energy for Developing Economies. CEP is open to any student, anywhere, who has a clean energy start-up idea. Learn more [here](#) and apply by February 17.

### **DIL Explorer Travel Grant**

[The Development Impact Lab \(DIL\)](#) at UC Berkeley invites eligible researchers and graduate students to apply for the Spring 2017 DIL Explore Travel Grant competition (up to US \$5,000 in direct costs). The grant supports a) early-stage exploratory research that combines technology innovation with social and economic research to solve international

development challenges (i.e. the emerging field of development engineering); or b) travel to developing countries that supports development engineering projects through research, fact-finding or new partnerships. Open to students, faculty, and post-docs from [select universities](#) including the entire UC system and Makerere University. Learn more and apply [here](#) by February 20.

### **Saving Lives at Birth Grand Challenge**

USAID invites global problem solvers to identify and develop transformative approaches that integrate scientific and technological advancements, better service delivery models, and improved "demand side" innovations that empower pregnant women and their families to practice healthy behaviors and access healthcare during pregnancy, childbirth, and the early postnatal period--especially the first 2 days after birth. Learn more and apply [here](#) by February 24.

### **Bay Area Global Health Innovation Challenge**

The Bay Area Global Health Innovation Challenge will be held on May 20-21, 2017 in San Francisco, California. An annual competition hosted by the University of California, Berkeley, Stanford University, and the HealthRoots Foundation for Global Health, it offers student teams from universities worldwide the opportunity to present ideas for low-cost, high-impact, scalable global health innovations. Teams will compete for the grand prize of \$10,000 in seed funding, and will have the opportunity to engage a high-level cohort of judges and speakers. Open to all currently-enrolled university students and postgraduates. Learn more and apply [here](#) by February 28.

### **Apply to Attend Clinton Global Initiative University 2017!**

Join President Bill Clinton and more than 1,000 students, policy makers, topic experts, and leaders from the public, private, and NGO sectors for the annual [Clinton Global Initiative University \(CGI U\)](#) convening at Northeastern University on October 13-15, 2017. CGI U challenges young leaders and entrepreneurs to become agents of positive social change by developing a [Commitment to Action](#): a new, specific, and measurable plan to address a challenge in one of CGI U's [five focus areas](#). Accepted students will have the opportunity to attend, where they will hear from experts in the field, develop practical skills, identify potential partners, and formulate concrete plans of action for the months ahead. More than \$750,000 in funding is available for select students, and travel stipends to attend are available. Learn more [here](#), early deadline is March 1.

### **Citi Tech for Integrity Challenge**

The Citi Tech for Integrity Challenge (T4I) is an open innovation challenge to source solutions that promote integrity, accountability and transparency in the public sector. Solve for real-life problem statements that are relevant to government organizations globally. The accelerator program will run from March to April, when finalists will be selected to participate in Demo Days with cash prizes. Learn more [here](#) and apply by March 6.

### **Global Competition for Hardware-Led Social Innovations**

[ASME's ISHOW](#) is seeking sustainable and scalable hardware-based solutions and technologies that can have a transformational economic, environmental and social impact in underserved communities around the world. The global competition invites the best and brightest engineers, entrepreneurs, students, and innovators to enter their prototype solutions that focus on energy, health, agriculture, clean water, and sanitation. Designers are invited to enter one of three ISHOW competitions in Bangalore, India; Nairobi, Kenya, and Washington, D.C - 3 winners at each ISHOW can win up to \$50,000. Learn more [here](#) and apply by March 15.

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## Internships

### **Autodesk Foundation Summer 2017 Internships**

The [Autodesk Foundation](#) supports the people and organizations using design for positive social and environmental impact. The Autodesk Foundation summer internship program runs for ten weeks from June - August 2017. Internship opportunities include: [Value Added Services](#), [Impact Assessment](#), [Impact Investment](#), [Sustainability & Foundation Portfolio Investment](#), [Manufacturing Impact Researcher](#), [Data Diving to Understand Customers Inside and Out](#), [Operational Efficiencies Across Customer Lifecycle](#). Open to everyone, interviews start in January and continue to on a rolling basis through March. Early submissions are prioritized.

### **Caravan Studios Apps for Social Change Internships**

Caravan Studios builds apps for social good that help communities organize, access, and apply local resources to their most pressing problems. It is offering internships in the areas of Product Development, Research and Planning, Communications, and Program Development. Open to everyone, learn more and apply [here](#).

### **UC Berkeley IPIRA Social Media Intern**

The UC Berkeley Office of Intellectual Property and Industry Research Alliances is looking for a social media intern to highlight the work of UC entrepreneurs. The position will require curating and posting relevant UC Entrepreneur success and news stories to a systemwide Twitter page, and developing a network on LinkedIn of UC Entrepreneurs. The intern should be available 10-15 hours/week, and may have to travel to Oakland, on occasion. The position will pay \$20/hr. Open to UC Berkeley work study students. Email [Akash Bakshi](#) if interested.

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## Additional Events

### [Applying Design Thinking to Maternal Health Challenges](#)

The Center for Global Public Health and the Blum Center for Developing Economies is offering a three-part workshop in Spring 2017. Each workshop will provide attendees with an opportunity to learn a design-thinking method and then apply it to global public health challenge. UC Berkeley students can attend any one of the workshops or all three! Attendees can sign up for one, or multiple workshops.

- Part 2: Need Gathering & Interviewing (March 8, 5:00-7:00pm)
- Part 3: User Testing & Prototyping (April 12, 5:00-7:00pm)



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