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## What's Your Big Idea?



Get inspired to pursue your own Big Idea! Check out the new Big Ideas overview video and [the category highlight videos](#) to learn more about the Contest, the categories, and previous award-winning projects!





## Meet Your UC Campus Innovation Ambassador!

Innovation Ambassadors (IAs) at each UC campus stand ready to support you! IAs are students who are connected to the innovation & entrepreneurship scene on their campus and have been trained to help you launch your Big Idea! To connect with your UC campus' representative [click here](#).



## Upcoming Big Ideas Events

### [Big Ideas Inspiration & Information Session](#)

**Wednesday, September 26 | 6pm PT | UC Berkeley (B100 Blum Hall)**

2018 Big Ideas Grand Prize Winner Rachel Sklar, founder & director of [Pit Vidura](#), will highlight her journey through the Big Ideas Contest. Following this inspiring talk, the Big Ideas staff will provide an overview of the rules, requirements, and eligibility for the 2018-19 Big Ideas Contest with time at the end to meet other students to start forming potential teams.



### [Innovators @ Cal](#)

**Monday, October, 8 | 6pm | UC Berkeley (Sutardja Dai Hall - Banatao Auditorium)**

Innovators@Cal is Big Ideas' showcase event that fosters entrepreneurship and collaboration across the entire UC Berkeley campus. The event features keynote speaker Sasha Orloff, CEO and founder of [LendUp](#), who will talk about his path to becoming a successful entrepreneur. There will also be opportunities for students to pitch their startups, whiteboard their ideas, receive feedback, recruit new team members, and more. [RSVP required](#) and please fill out [this pitch form](#) to share your idea!



## Alumni Spotlight & Opportunity



**Hiven Offers an Innovative Solution to Co-Working**

Big Ideas [Connected Communities](#) winner (2018) [Hiven](#) is now offering an innovative approach to limited office space in Berkeley. Hiven connects entrepreneurs and freelancers in need of office space with Berkeley homeowners that have extra space. You can have an office when you need it, starting at \$4 an hour. [Learn more and get started here.](#)

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**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

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- *Open to all students with technology-based inventions!*  
**The Lemelson-MIT Student Prize**  
The Lemelson-MIT Program is searching nationwide for the most inventive college students to compete for the 2019 [Lemelson-MIT Student Prize](#). This prize honors promising undergraduate and graduate teams who have technology-based inventions in healthcare, transportation, mobility, food, water, agriculture, and consumer devices. \$10-\$15K available to students. **Application deadline is September 28, 2018.** For more information about the application guidelines, [click here](#).
  - *Open to all seed-stage cleantech startups!*  
**ASPIRE Program**  
Join the Aspire Program! ASPIRE (Accelerating Startups Partnership and Investment Readiness) is seeking startups to participate in an intensive 5-day workshop to prepare for the fundraising and company-building activities necessary for launch and impact. The workshop will take place in Baltimore, Maryland from November 12-16, 2018. **The application deadline is September 30.** [Learn more and Apply here.](#)
  - *Open to UC Berkeley junior or senior students!*  
**Institute of International Studies (IIS) Undergraduate Scholarships**  
IIS has two funding opportunities for students with award amounts of up to \$2,500. These scholarships are open to any UC Berkeley junior or senior with a minimum 3.5 GPA who has completed at least one semester of study at UC Berkeley. All majors are eligible to apply. **Application deadline for both scholarships is November 13, 2018.** [Learn more and apply here.](#)
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## Upcoming Events

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- [Arts + Design & the Global Climate Summit](#)  
**Monday, September 24 | 6pm to 8:30 pm PT | BAM-PFA**  
To close the Global Climate Summit, join this event to reflect on the climate challenges facing the world and discuss possible solutions and next steps that our community, state, and nation can take to combat global climate change. Hear from UC Berkeley

state, and nation can take to combat global climate change. Hear from UC Berkeley faculty, participants in the COAL & ICE exhibition, and a coterie of Bay Area climate artists as we collectively advance environmental awareness through research enterprises that join artists, designers, humanists, scientists, and policy makers. [Click here for more info.](#)

- [Brown Bag IRB Workshop and Consultation](#)  
**Tuesday, September 25 | 12:00-2:00 PM | B100 Blum Hall (meeting room in the back)**  
Are you conducting research with human subjects (e.g., interventions, surveys, analysis of identifiable data, etc.)? Or would you like to understand the IRB requirements for a future project? A representative from the Office for Protection of Human Subjects (OPHS) who specializes in international research will provide an overview of the UC Berkeley human subjects research requirements and IRB application process followed by group Q&A. Up to six 10-minute one-on-one consultation sessions are also available following the presentation. [Please click here to register.](#)
- [Putting AI to Work](#)  
**Tuesday, September 25 | 10:30am to 5:30pm PT | UC Berkeley (Sutardja Dai Hall - Banatao Auditorium)**  
Hosted by CITRIS, the Banatao Institute, and Microsoft, “Putting AI to Work” will bring together leading scholars, practitioners, industry representatives, and community organizations to discuss the extent of the effects of AI on the future of work in relation to aging and disability. [Learn more and RSVP here.](#)
- [Listen Up! How Feedback can Accelerate Nonprofit Growth and Impact](#)  
**Wednesday, October 3 | 11 am PT | Online Webinar Conference**  
This SSIR Live! program will explore the importance of listening to and acting upon feedback from the people your organization serves. This program is part of the online series “The Power of Feedback.” Registration is free; [click here to sign up.](#)



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