



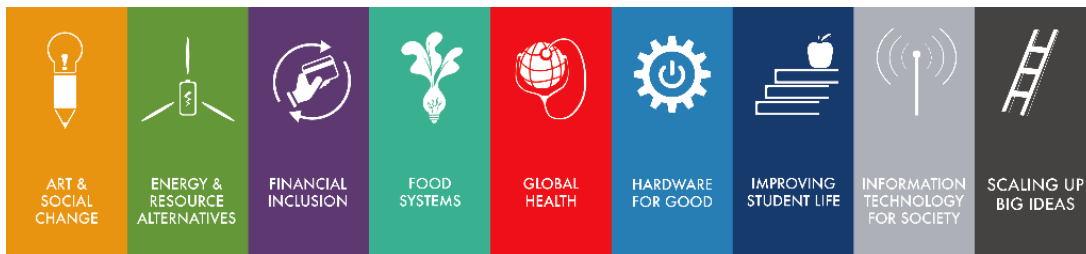
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4 weeks left until the Pre-proposal Deadline (Nov 16)!

Strengthen your Big Ideas submission by attending our events or signing up for an [advising](#) session during our regular office hours!

[Pre-proposal Writing & Advising Workshop](#)

Tuesday, Nov 1 | 5:00 - 8:00pm PT | All students | B100 Blum Hall or Skype

This 2nd workshop will solely consist of advising sessions with the Big Ideas team, allowing applicants to receive feedback on their proposals 2 weeks before the deadline. Watch the Oct 11 Writing Workshop presentation (below) for pre-proposal best practices, then bring an outline, draft, or section of the pre-proposal for an advisor to review. Sign up for a slot [here](#) (remote appointments conducted via Skype).

[More events](#)

Missed last week's info session or writing workshop? Watch the recordings below!



Online Information Session



Pre-proposal Writing Workshop



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!



SPZ Legal Attorneys Hash Zahed and Ryan

Shaening Pokrasso

Friday, October 28 - 12:00pm - 3:00pm and

Wednesday, November 2: 9:00am - 12:00pm

Blum Center for Developing Economies

Open to students from all eligible Big Ideas universities

Focus area: legal structuring and incorporation

SPZ Legal is a Bay Area law firm who believe in the power of business as a vehicle for social and environmental change. Hash and Ryan are alums of the Boalt Law School, former Big Ideas Judges & Mentors, and have a wealth of experience in the legal formation of start-ups and social ventures. This is a fantastic opportunity for any entrepreneur looking to incorporate their business! RSVP [here](#) for a 30 minute consultation, space limited.

Having judged & mentored in the 2015-2016 contest, Hash & Ryan shared some tips they have for students competing in Big Ideas. Read the full interview [here](#)!

Big Ideas Alumni Update: Māk

Last year's 1st place Financial Inclusion winners are providing training in 3D and Computer Aided Design to high school students in the Bay Area. The Māk team is fundraising through Berkeley Crowdfunding to build a makerspace for youth in Oakland; [read about their work](#) and contribute to their campaign [here](#)!



UC Berkeley D-Lab Workshops

Big Ideas works with the D-Lab to further equip applicants as they conduct qualitative and quantitative research for their projects. Open to UC Berkeley students, all research methods trainings are held at Barrows 356: D-Lab Convening Room. Check the [full calendar](#) for workshop updates and listings.

- [Data Collection for Hard-to-Reach Populations \(Oct 27, 3:00 - 4:30pm\)](#)
 - [Conducting Participatory Research \(Nov 3, 3:00 - 4:30pm\)](#)
 - [Survey Sampling: An Introduction \(Nov 15 & 29, 11:00am-1:00pm\)](#)
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Additional Events & Opportunities

[Lecture - Seeds of Time: Reflections on the Past. Lessons for the Future](#)

For the past 15 years, Judith D'Souza's work has focused on gender and poverty issues in South and Central Asia. Judith will examine the critical yet often ignored issues that haunt organizations and professionals as they endeavour to foster sustainable development in Failed States and zones of conflict. October 19, 6:30pm, UC Berkeley's Sutardja Dai Hall.

[Echoing Green Fellowship Opportunity](#)

The Echoing Green fellowship provides support and funding to emerging leaders looking to bring about positive social change. It expects to provide up to \$4.6m in seed capital to entrepreneurs. Open to everyone, learn more [here](#). Apply by October 25.

[CleanTech Energy University Prize](#)

The [Berkeley Energy and Climate Institute](#) and [Berkeley Energy and Resources Collaborative](#) are pleased to present the [Department of Energy](#)-sponsored Berkeley Cleantech University Prize. The award offers mentorship, cash prizes (\$50,000) and workshops for participants. Open to current or recently graduated US students, learn more [here](#). Apply by October 31.

[Trafficked Film Screening](#)

The Blum Center is hosting one of the world's foremost experts on human sex trafficking, Siddharth Kara, for a screening of his film Trafficked. The event will also feature a panel for discussion. Food will be served. Friday, November 4, 6:00pm, register [here](#)!

[USAID HESN Summer Internship Program](#)

The US Global Development Lab's [Higher Education Solutions Network \(HESN\)](#) is offering summer internships with USAID offices across the Agency. Internships will run for 10 weeks from June - August 2017, and provide emerging development professionals with relevant policy experience. Open to undergraduate and graduate students (US citizens) part of USAID's [eight University Development Labs](#). Applications instructions [here](#), apply [here](#) by November 6.

[Institute of International Studies Undergraduate Merit Scholarship](#)

The IIS Undergraduate Merit Scholarship supports undergraduate research in any area of international studies for an award of up to \$2,000. Open to UC Berkeley juniors & seniors, apply by November 14, contact iis.grants@berkeley.edu to learn more.

[The Rodenbury Prize](#)

Do you have an idea that puts humanity first and is scalable/replicable? Submit your solution that delivers on the promise of innovation, captures the spirit of discovery and embraces the power of diversity to benefit all humanity. 5 recipients will receive awards

between \$150,000 and \$400,000. Open to everyone, learn more and apply [here](#) by November 16.

[LAUNCH Food Challenge](#)

[LAUNCH](#) is a network-centered platform that offers a series of [innovation challenges](#) year-round. The [LAUNCH Food Challenge](#) seeks supply- or demand-side innovations that will ultimately impact the choices people make about what to eat. Prizes include: acceleration support, one-on-one mentorship, access to market partners, and facilitated opportunities for investment with LAUNCH partners and others. Open to everyone, read more about the challenge [here](#) and apply by November 16.

3 page pre-proposal submissions due November 16, 12pm PT

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