

ADVISOR 1

Advisor 1 is the Director of Partnerships at the Blum Center, where she focuses on building and maintaining relationships with external stakeholders. Advisor 1 has extensive experience in corporate relations, research administration and partnership development, and holds a Ph.D. in Materials Science and Engineering and a B.S. in Engineering Physics. In addition to her role with the Blum Center, she also lends her expertise as an advisor to Big Ideas teams and past winners through regular office hours.

- **AREAS OF FOCUS:** engineering, technology innovation, corporate/foundation partnerships, technology transfer, arts, social science, impact evaluation, team building, proposal writing, strategy
- **ADVISING HOURS:** Available upon request

ADVISOR 2

Advisor 2 is a coordinator and advisor of the Big Ideas contest, where he manages the logistics of the student innovation competition, and supports teams on proposal and project design. He is pursuing a Master of Public Policy, focusing on international development, program evaluation, and agricultural development. Advisor 2 has previously worked on a number of policy issues, including U.S. foreign policy towards Africa, governance in development projects, and social protection for rural populations.

- **AREAS OF FOCUS:** policy analysis, Africa, political economy, program evaluation, peace and conflict, governance and corruption, agricultural development, impact analysis
- **ADVISING HOURS:** Available upon request

ADVISOR 3

Advisor 3 is a second year Master of Development Practice student and Network Coordinator for the Big Ideas Contest. She advises student teams throughout the year-long competition, and manages the contest's network of judges and mentors. Advisor 3 received a B.A. in City and Regional Planning, and has lived in six countries for work, volunteering, or studying. Prior to returning to graduate school, Advisor 3 worked in management consulting, and is specializes in corporate social responsibility and sustainable business.

- **AREAS OF FOCUS:** supply chain management, sustainability, corporate social responsibility, product development and design, business planning, South America, international development, stakeholder engagement
- **ADVISING HOURS:** Available upon request