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Tips and tools for the Big Ideas community

Happy 2017 to the Big Ideas Community!

On behalf of Big Ideas, THANK YOU to the 326 student teams who submitted extraordinarily creative and far-ranging pre-proposals, and to our incredible network of judges, mentors, and the Rudd Family Foundation and all of our generous sponsors whose commitment makes Big Ideas possible.

Now more than ever, we need this next generation of problem solvers to develop innovative ways to tackle the world's toughest challenges. Due to the high caliber of the proposals we received this past November, Big Ideas has moved a record number of student teams (66!) into the final round with projects aiming to support refugees and immigrants, tackle pervasive global health challenges, explore ways to sustainably recycle food waste, improve natural disaster response, promote equity and inclusion in higher education, and much more. We couldn't be more proud of the courage and commitment exhibited by these change-makers to tackle massive and complex problems. Stay tuned to keep apprised of their developments!

We hope this next year inspires countless opportunities for student-led innovation, and thank you for continued dedication to Big Ideas!

Sincerely,
Phillip Denny
Director, Big Ideas

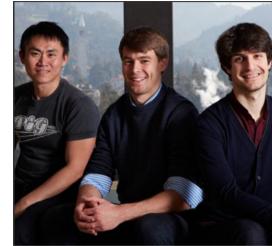
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**Big Ideas Alumni Named Forbes'
2017 30 Under 30**



Jeremy Fiance was [acknowledged in Forbes' Education category](#) for his work launching [The House Fund](#), a pre-seed and seed stage venture capital fund investing in Berkeley's top students, faculty, and alumni startups. Jeremy won Big Ideas in 2012-2013 for his Free Ventures project (Improving Student Life), and in 2013-2014 for his Dropsense project (IT for Society).

[Ava](#) founders Thibault Duchemin, Pieter Doevendans, and Skinner Cheng were [acknowledged in Forbes' Consumer Technology category](#) for their work developing a mobile tool to convert conversations into text for hearing-impaired individuals. The project was a two-time Big Ideas winner in 2014-2015 (IT for Society) and 2015-2016 (Scaling Up).



Upcoming Big Ideas Events

The following workshops are open to all Big Ideas teams and UC Berkeley students!

Big Ideas Workshop: Autodesk Fusion 360

Wed, February 1 | 5:00 - 6:30pm PT | B100 Blum Hall | UC Berkeley | [RSVP here](#)

Presenter: Jeff Lee, Program Manager, Education, Autodesk

Does the idea of designing your own product excite you? Interested in learning how to leverage Fusion 360's cloud capabilities to develop models and renders? In this workshop, you will learn the fundamentals of Autodesk's newest product design platform: Fusion 360. You will also learn about Fusion's cloud-based benefits, as well as a brief overview of the various workspaces. No prior CAD or past experience with Fusion is necessary!

Big Ideas Workshop: Making Sense of Sensors

Tue, February 7 | 5:00 - 7:00pm PT | B100 Blum Hall | UC Berkeley | [RSVP here](#)

Facilitator: David Jacobowitz, Technical Program Manager, LBNL

This workshop on sensors and systems design is intended for students interested in applying sensors, computers, and information technology to address social challenges around the world. In particular, this workshop will focus on designing applications and products that interact with the real world: collecting and leveraging physical data. No prior technical skills are required to attend this workshop.

Work With Us!

Big Ideas is hiring a Work-Study Design Assistant, Work-Study Student Assistant, and a Salesforce Coordinator for Spring 2017. To be considered, candidates must be UC Berkeley students, [learn more and apply here](#).

Additional Events & Opportunities

Startup@BerkeleyLaw FORM+FUND Attorney Office Hours

Featuring attorneys from Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati

Today, January 11 | Boalt Hall Warren Room | 4:00pm to 5:30pm | [Register here](#)

Startup@BerkeleyLaw FORM+FUND Startup Finance 101 Workshop

Featuring Jason Kwon of Y Combinator

Today, January 11 | Boalt Hall Warren Room | 6:00pm to 7:30pm | [Register here](#)

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 UC Berkeley students, faculty, and post-docs. [Learn more and apply here](#) by February 20.

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.

Pear VC \$250K Entrepreneurship Challenge for UC Berkeley

The winning team will receive up to \$250,000 in seed funding, become part of the community, and have access to networks, resources, and a “hacker studio” in downtown Palo Alto. Pear will invest up to \$250k in the company via equity seed financing for 5% and designate 10% of our ownership back to UC Berkeley. Winning companies will have the chance to work very closely with the Pear investment team. One member of each founding team must be either enrolled currently as a full time student, or be an alumnus of a degree granting program from UC Berkeley. [Learn more and apply here](#) by January 15.

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. [Learn more and apply here](#).

UC Berkeley Development Engineering 210 Course

Development Engineering Research and Practice Seminar

CCN: 26815 Time, Location: Mon 1:00-3:00 PM, Blum Hall Instructor: Alice Agogino
Development Engineering represents a new interdisciplinary field that integrates engineering, economics, business, natural resource development and social sciences to develop, implement, and evaluate new technological interventions that address the needs of people living in poverty in developing regions and low-income areas of the United States. This seminar will focus on work-in-progress presentations by the students.



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