2019-20
RUDD FAMILY FOUNDATION
BIG IDEAS CONTEST

9/12: Info Session
6:00pm PT | B100 Blum Hall
The Big Ideas Contest kicks off with the first information session of the year! Get all the information you need to get started on your Big Idea - rules, requirements, eligibility and tips for participating in the 2019-20 Big Ideas Contest. RSVP required.

10/10: Innovators@Cal
6:00pm PT | Banatao Auditorium & B100 Blum Hall
Innovators@Cal spotlights the entrepreneurship resources available on the UC Berkeley campus for aspiring innovators. Students can pitch their ideas, recruit team members, and network with others interested in the innovation space. RSVP required.

10/29: Environmental Sustainability Workshop
5:30pm PT | B100 Blum Hall
This workshop will help student innovators examine the potential environmental impacts of their innovations from the very beginning phase of their invention/innovation. RSVP required.

11/13: Industry Advising Clinic
4:00pm PT | B100 Blum Hall
Meet one on one with industry experts from the Big Ideas network to discuss your innovative ideas and critical guidance and constructive feedback. This session fills up fast, so look out for an announcement in the Big Ideas Newsletter in October. RSVP required.

1/26: Final Round Kickoff Event
5:00pm PT | B100 Blum Hall
Big Ideas finalist teams and their mentors will learn about expectations and best practices to guide them through the mentorship period. The Big Ideas staff will provide additional guidance on the structure and goals for the final round.

3/4: Industry Advising Clinic
4:00pm PT | B100 Blum Hall
Meet one on one with expert advisors from the Big Ideas network to discuss your innovative ideas and critical guidance and constructive feedback. The list of experts will be shared in advance and students can sign up for 30 minute advising appointments. RSVP required.

FULL PROPOSAL DEADLINE
MAR 13TH 2020 BY 12PM PT

9/25: Info Session
6:00pm PT | B100 Blum Hall
The Big Ideas staff will provide an overview of the rules, requirements and eligibility for the 2019-20 Big Ideas Contest.

10/23: Pre-proposal Writing Workshop: Landscape Analysis
6:00pm PT | B100 Blum Hall
Get guidance and feedback about how to effectively craft your Big Ideas pre-proposal and stay after to receive feedback on your pre-proposal.

11/5: Pre-proposal Writing Workshop: Storytelling
6:00pm PT | B100 Blum Hall
Receive guidance and feedback on how to effectively craft your Big Ideas pre-proposal. This workshop will have an added emphasis on storytelling and how to craft an effective narrative for the Big Ideas pre-proposal.

11/18 - 11/19: Editing Blitz
All Day | 120 Blum Hall & Online
Want last minute feedback on your proposal submission? Sign up for an appointment with an advisor to read over a draft of your document for final advice and fine-tuning. Online advising available for remote teams.

2/12: Full Proposal Writing Workshop
6:00pm PT | B100 Blum Hall
Finalist teams will receive guidance and feedback about how to effectively craft your full proposal. 1-on-1 advising appointments with Big Ideas staff will be available immediately following the workshop.

3/11 - 3/12: Editing Blitz
All Day | 120 Blum Hall
Want last minute feedback on your proposal? Sign up for an appointment with an advisor to read over a draft of your document for final advice and fine-tuning.

4/30: Grand Prize Pitch Day & Awards Celebration
2:00pm PT | B100 Blum Hall
The top teams from the 2019-2020 Contest will present their innovations and compete for the Big Ideas Grand Prize. Following these exciting pitches, all of the 2020 award winners will participate in a lively poster session, have an opportunity to demo their prototypes, and engage with the entire Big Ideas network of students, mentors, judges and sponsors. RSVP required.

DATES & TIMES SUBJECT TO CHANGE. VISIT BIGIDEASCONTEST.ORG/EVENTS FOR THE LATEST INFO.

PRE-PROPOSAL DEADLINE
NOV 20TH 2019 BY 12PM PT

FINALISTS ANNOUNCED!