

# 2013-14 BIG IDEAS CONTEST

## 9/4: Info Session & Speaker

6pm - 7pm

Join us for an inspiring talk by Alejandro Velez, Co-Founder of Back to the Roots Ventures, followed by an overview of the Big Ideas Contest.



Fall Semester Begins

August

September

## 9/18: Idea Generation Dinner

6pm - 8pm

Looking for new teammates or feedback on your project idea? Teams will have an opportunity to give a 2min idea pitch. Following pitches, teams will network with students interested in joining their teams and discuss project plans over dinner.



## 9/24: Workshop

6pm - 7pm

Pre-proposal Writing & Budget Workshop.



## 10/16: Workshop

6pm - 7pm

Pre-proposal Writing & Budget Workshop.



## 10/3: Innovators@Cal

6:30pm - 8:30pm

Innovators@Cal is an exciting event that fosters idea generation and collaboration across the entire UC Berkeley campus.



October

## 10/7: Info Session

6pm - 7pm

Pre-proposal Writing & Budget Workshop.



## 10/29: Editing Blitz!

6-8pm in 100 Blum Hall

Last minute revisions by Big Ideas Advisors for your pre-proposal and budget applications.



November

## 11/4: Final Editing Blitz!

5-8pm in 100 Blum Hall

Last minute revisions by Big Ideas Advisors for your pre-proposal and budget applications.



**Pre-Proposal Deadline**  
NOVEMBER 5, 2013 by 5PM PST

December

January

Finalists are notified in mid-December.

## Mentorship Phase

January through March 10

Industry professionals matched to finalists based on mentors' content knowledge and areas of strength.

February

March

## Full Proposal Deadline

MARCH 11, 2014 by 5PM PST

Final Round Ends 3/11 at 5:00PM PST

Big Ideas Contest Applications must be submitted via the [bigideas.berkeley.edu](http://bigideas.berkeley.edu)



## People's Choice Video Contest

4/28 - 5/5

View and Vote on the [Facebook.com/BigIdeasCAL](http://Facebook.com/BigIdeasCAL)

April

May



## 5/5: Grand Prize Pitch Day

2-5PM in 100 Blum Hall

Select finalists teams will be invited to pitch their project ideas to a panel of judges to possibly receive an additional award.

## Big Ideas Winners Award Celebration

5/8/2014 from 2-4pm

Big Ideas@Berkeley Contest Winners will celebrate with friends, family and Big Ideas affiliates in 100 Blum Hall.



June/July



Big Ideas@Berkeley Winners' Award Amounts are Distributed in June 2014.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION VISIT [BIGIDEAS.BERKELEY.EDU](http://BIGIDEAS.BERKELEY.EDU)