



Finalist Survey Questions

Below you are asked to share about your experience participating in the Big Ideas Contest. Note that your answers are completely anonymous and confidential. **Your answers will not be associated with you or your team and will not be used to make any judging decisions.** Please be as candid and thorough as possible, so that we can improve support for students.

Did you attend the Big Ideas full proposal writing workshop?

- Yes
- No

Writing workshops are designed to provide students with explicit instruction and support with writing their proposals. Please share what you thought was particularly helpful, or what could have been more helpful about this workshop.

Did you attend Big Ideas advising hours or schedule an appointment to meet with a Big Ideas advisor during the Spring semester (either an in-person, Skype, or phone meeting)?

- Yes
- No

Please tell us a bit about your experience at office hours. Were advisors helpful? How could office hours be more useful or productive?

For the following questions, think about your experience in the Big Ideas contest since the fall. Since the fall, to what extent have you...

learned effective strategies to form and lead a team?

- To a great extent
- Somewhat
- A little bit
- Not at all

improved your communication skills?

- To a great extent
- Somewhat
- A little bit
- Not at all

become more creative in thinking about solutions to problems?

- To a great extent
- Somewhat
- A little bit
- Not at all

better understood how to draft a project budget?

- To a great extent
- Somewhat
- A little bit
- Not at all

improved your ability to think critically about market or community needs?

- To a great extent
- Somewhat
- A little bit
- Not at all

improved your ability to measure the impact of a product or project?

- To a great extent
- Somewhat
- A little bit
- Not at all

Please indicate the extent to which you agree with the following statements:

Thanks to participating in Big Ideas, I am better able to transform innovative ideas into useful applications.

- Strongly Agree
- Somewhat Agree
- Somewhat Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

Thanks to participating in Big Ideas, I consider myself an innovator.

- Strongly Agree
- Somewhat Agree
- Somewhat Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

The feedback provided by Big Ideas pre-proposal judges was useful for preparing my full proposal application.

- Strongly Agree



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- Somewhat Agree
- Somewhat Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

Looking back, how do you think Big Ideas can better support students throughout the contest? What resources would have been helpful for you to further develop your idea?

Did you request to work with a Big Ideas@Berkeley Mentor?

- Yes
- No

I think my mentor's skills or experiences were a good match for my project.

- Strongly Agree
- Agree Somewhat
- Disagree Somewhat
- Strongly Disagree

My mentor reviewed my project ideas thoughtfully and thoroughly with me.

- Strongly Agree
- Agree Somewhat
- Disagree Somewhat
- Strongly Disagree

My mentor gave me helpful feedback on the design of my project.

- Strongly Agree
- Agree Somewhat
- Disagree Somewhat
- Strongly Disagree

I made a strong effort to use my mentor as a resource.

- Strongly Agree
- Agree Somewhat
- Disagree Somewhat
- Strongly Disagree

Overall, how happy were you with your mentorship experience?

- Extremely happy
- Somewhat happy



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- Somewhat unhappy
- Very unhappy

Working with a Big Ideas@Berkeley Mentor improved the quality of my Big Ideas proposal.

- Strongly Agree
- Somewhat Agree
- Somewhat Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

Based on your mentor's responsiveness and willingness to support your project, would you recommend your mentor to another team in future years?

- Yes, without reservations
- Yes, with some reservations
- No

What else would you like us to know about working with a mentor? What was helpful? What was challenging? What would you recommend to future mentors or finalist teams?