



The 2016-2017 Contest launches September 6!

Join us at our first information session on September 7 to learn about this year's new categories and additional resources provided to participants! In the meantime, here are some great opportunities to help you develop your social impact venture and stay involved with Big Ideas as you prepare for your next year ahead!

Scaling Up Category Fast Track Opportunity

For UC Berkeley Big Ideas winners only!

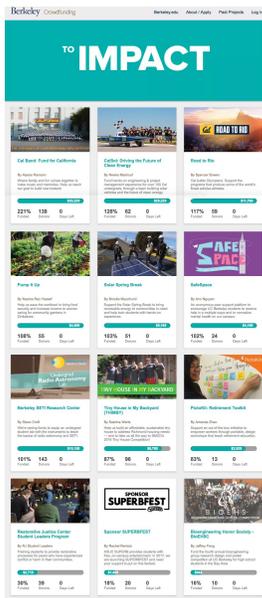
Are you still working on your Big Ideas social venture? The Blum Center's Dr. [Jennifer Walske](#) & Dr. [Sophi Martin](#) will be teaching the hands-on [Social Innovator OnRamp Course](#) (IAS 150, 4 Units) this Fall. The course is open to undergraduate and graduate students looking to take their social impact projects to the next level. Any former Big Ideas winner who completes this class will skip the Pre-proposal application requirement and be automatically fast-tracked to the final round of the Scaling Up category for next year's Big Ideas Contest. **Contact [Dr. Walske](#) with any questions about the course or [apply here](#) to take the class.**



UC Berkeley Crowdfunding Initiative

Raise money for your social impact project! [Berkeley Crowdfunding](#) helps students raise money for projects through their personal networks, communities, and shared-interest groups. It works like Kickstarter or Indiegogo, but is exclusively for the Berkeley community. Typically, projects are able to raise \$5,000 to \$10,000, depending on the size of the team and their networks. Berkeley Crowdfunding has two campaigns this Fall – one in September and one in October, and are inviting applications **by August 14**.

Former winners have already run successful campaigns (e.g.



CalSol, SafeSpace, PictoKit, Visualize & The Somo Project) and Big Ideas is happy to advertise your projects through our networks! [Apply here](#) or **contact [Ryan Lawrence](#), Crowdfunding Manager, for questions.**

2016 Westly Prize Open - \$20,000 Award

The 2016 Westly Prize is now open! The Westly Prize is a \$20,000 cash award given to promising young early-stage social entrepreneurs who have built something that could make the world a better place. Applicants must be under the age of 28, and live in or be from California. [Learn more and apply by September 15.](#)



Big Ideas is Hiring!

Judge & Mentor Coordinator Fall 2016 Graduate Student Researcher (50%)

Join our team and support Big Ideas! We are looking for an extremely motivated UC Berkeley graduate student who is passionate about supporting student innovators. Do you have a background in social entrepreneurship, a strong grasp of innovation landscape in the Bay Area (and beyond), and a desire to build networks that can aid and sustain early-stage start-ups? If so, check out our [Judge & Mentor Coordinator job posting](#) and send a cover letter & resume to bigideas@berkeley.edu ASAP. Rolling interviews will begin in early August.

Work-Study Design Assistant Fall 2016 Undergraduate or Graduate Student

The Blum Center for Developing Economies is looking for a student to provide design support to center for approximately 10-15 hours per week. We are looking for someone with demonstrated skills to effectively produce visual materials that meet and satisfy the needs of our organization with strong attention to detail. See the complete [job posting here](#) and reach out to [Anh-Thi Le](#) with any questions.

Work-Study Website Coordinator

Fall 2016 Undergraduate or Graduate Student

The Blum Center for Developing Economies is looking for a student to provide website design and maintenance support to center for approximately 10-15 hours per week, with advanced WordPress development experience. See the complete [job posting here](#) and reach out to [Anh-Thi Le](#) with any questions.

Free Online Courses for Social Innovators

Take advantage of the summer break and enroll in some free courses that will help strengthen your projects!

Upcoming Berkeley-Haas [Philanthropy University Courses](#)

- Essentials of Nonprofit Strategy (Aug 2 - Sep 27)
- How to Scale Social Impact (Aug 9 - Oct 4)
- Financial Modeling for the Social Sector (Aug 16 - Oct 4)

Upcoming [+Acumen Courses](#)

- Making Sense of Social Impact: Acumen's Building Blocks for Impact Analysis (Aug 30 - Oct 11)
 - Design Kit: The Course for Human-Centered Design (Sep 6 - Nov 8)
 - Lean Startup Principles for Social Impact (Sep 20 - Oct 25)
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