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# INNOVATION & ENTREPRENEURSHIP



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## Who are we?

UC Davis students, faculty and staff have a responsibility to change the world. And we have the tools, knowledge and expertise to help you do it.

## How can we help you?

We help UC Davis students develop the mindset to pursue sustainable solutions to the world's problems. We help graduate students and postdocs prepare for careers in innovation and entrepreneurship outside of academia and we help researchers find a path to commercialization for their work.

## Pathways to Innovation

### Little Bang! Pitch+Poster Competition

Define and communicate your business idea on a poster. **Win up to \$1,000!**

**Registration open now!**  
**Enter by Feb. 6, 2025**



### Big Bang! Business Competition

Develop, define, and test your business idea. **Win up to \$25,000!**

**Registration open now!**  
**Competition runs March-May 2025**



Our business competitions allow you to start with a basic idea for solving a problem, develop it, and take it all the way from concept to company.

You can enter as an individual or a team and compete in one or all of our business competitions. Visit our website for the specific entry requirements of each competition.



### Keep in touch!

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## Start your entrepreneurial Journey

The Little Bang! Pitch + Poster Competition will help you define your business idea and communicate it concisely to a team of judges. This competition is open to all currently enrolled students at the high school, community college, undergraduate or graduate level.

- Gain experience creating a poster and pitching your concept.
- If you choose to enter the Big Bang!, this is a great place to start!

**February 6: Deadline to Register**

**February 10: Deadline to submit poster file for printing**

**February 13: Present your poster; deliver your 90-second pitch**

## Get ready for the Big Bang!

Grow as an entrepreneur and as a leader. Connect with fellow innovators, learn and apply business concepts in educational workshops, build your team, grow your network—and compete for cash prizes.

The 25th annual Big Bang! will award prizes for the competition's top innovation overall and for winning ventures in six sectors, such as Human Health + Industry, Energy + Sustainability, Social Entrepreneurship and more. **Registration deadline: March 3.**



## Big Bang! Workshop Series: Open to all

Designed for aspiring and early-stage entrepreneurs, Big Bang! workshops provide the knowledge and tools you will need to create the deliverables to compete in the UC Davis Big Bang! Business Competition, our Little Bang! Pitch + Poster Competition—or begin any other entrepreneurial journey.

However, there's no need to compete to attend the workshops. They're free and open to all, and they are an excellent opportunity for anyone interested in learning more about innovation and entrepreneurship.

### Next Workshop:

Jan 15, 12-1:30 PM: **Legal Foundations: Understanding IP and Venture Law**