Happy Holidays!

Good luck on finals! We hope that everyone has some time to enjoy the festive holiday cheer around New York City this month. We have a few entrepreneurship events planned for the remainder of the semester and we look forward to seeing you around. Happy holidays and see you in the new year!

Visit SEAS Entrepreneurship for more info.

In Case You Missed It

In case you couldn't make it to our annual FastPitch competition, here's a quick recap:

On Tuesday, November 15, Columbia Engineering Entrepreneurship held its third annual FastPitch competition. 30 teams made 60-second pitches on their start-ups, products, and/or potential ideas to a panel of judges and an audience of ~115 people. Teams then had to prove the strength of their ideas by answering a rapid succession of questions from judges in an additional 60 seconds. Pitches ranged from software ideas to social media apps to food and drink companies, and six winning teams split $5000 in prize money.

To read more about the event and the winners, check out the article here!
What To Look Forward To

Entrepreneurship programs aim to connect you with resources to help build your idea or business. We collaborate heavily with other offices and organizations on and off campus to bring you speaker series, office hours, site visits, mentors, funding opportunities and much more. Read below about some of our key events for this academic year.

Third Thursday - Immigration & Entrepreneurship
Thursday, January 26, 2017
5:30 PM - 7:30 PM, Morningside Campus - CEPSR 750

Third Thursday is a recurring open forum and networking and info session for the Columbia University entrepreneurship community. It provides students, faculty, staff, and alumni the opportunity to hear ideas from across campus, form teams, and explore career options. You'll hear from Columbia alumni and other experts on their experiences working in the field, how they’ve applied their Columbia experience in their careers, and more.

This Thursday, we’ll be featuring Megan Kludt, an attorney at Curran & Berger, LLP, a boutique law firm specializing in all areas of immigration, including business, achievement, investment, family, and humanitarian bases for immigration status.

To learn more about the event and to register, click here!
Columbia Venture Competition
Applications due in February
First launched in April 2009, the Columbia Venture Competition awards prize money to early-stage ventures all founded by young Columbia entrepreneurs. Over the years the competition has grown to be a campus wide event, culminating in the #Startup Columbia Festival. In 2016, the competition featured five different tracks and paid out a total of $250K to winners. The first round applications for CVC 2017 will be due in February - stay tuned for updates on CVC and Ignition Funds for your startups and projects!

SEAS Entrepreneurship Sounding Board
Accepting Applications on a Rolling Basis
The Entrepreneurial Sounding Board Program offered by SEAS Entrepreneurship is an opportunity for Columbia engineers to schedule one-on-one advisory meetings with industry experts to discuss their own entrepreneurial ideas and challenges. This program allows engineering students to connect with recent alumni for entrepreneurial advice, support, and guidance. Click here to view the Sounding Board Advisors. If one of the advisors listed matches your interests, then please feel free to submit an application to be his or her mentee.

Work at Columbia Startup Lab!
Limited space available now!
We're looking for recent Columbia Engineering alumni who have received their degree in the past five years and who are working full time on their venture. Join the current cohort of Lab resident ventures in the 69 Charlton WeWork building in the middle of Silicon Alley. Columbia-founded startups come from Columbia College and the Schools of Business, Engineering, Law, and International and Public Affairs.
APPLY NOW!

Upcoming Events

Studio Hours
Thursday, December 8
2:00 PM - 4:00 PM, Columbia Entrepreneurship Design Studio (490 Riverside Dr.)
Room 430
Do you have an idea and want to get personal design thinking feedback from the Design Studio? During Studio Hours, teams or individuals are invited to discuss their projects or ideas one-on-one with human-centered designers in the Studio. Teams of Columbia affiliates are also welcome to use the studio space for working independently on their entrepreneurial projects. If you have questions, please reach out to designstudio@columbia.edu. Register here.

How to Build a Telegraph
Thursday, December 8
9:00 PM - 10:00 PM, Morningside Campus: Hamilton 303
ADI will be hosting a workshop where you can explore how to build a hardware project from start to finish, from microcontroller programming to interfacing with electrical components. This event is the second of four workshops in ADI's “Hardware for Everyone” series. You'll be getting your hands on actual hardware to build a Morse-over-visible-light wireless device. No prior technical experience necessary. RSVP on Facebook!

Advanced Tactics Design Workshop: Facilitating Creative Teams
Friday, December 9
1:00 PM - 4:00 PM, Columbia Entrepreneurship Design Studio (490 Riverside Dr.)
Are you interested in using design thinking to drive a creative team? Join us for our advanced tactic workshop where will we show you how to lead a team through a design process. The focus will be on developing environments that encourage creative behaviors leading to novel ideas. The session is for people who have attended at least one previous Design Studio sprint or equivalent learning experience. If you have questions, please reach out to designstudio@columbia.edu. Register here.

Apply to Work at MetaRe!
MetaRe, Inc. is a young start-up funded by the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority. As one of the three fully funded teams in the PowerBridge Program, MetaRe is committed to catalyze the paradigm shift in the roofing industry by introducing out energy efficient roof coating. Through innovative roofing products, MetaRe shares the latest discoveries in nano-photonics with everyone, everywhere. Currently, MetaRe is looking for a highly motivated scientist in the field of Mechanical Engineering to join the team and champion the development of MetaRe Brand roof coating, and supervising the certification processes.
To learn more about the position, please email April Tian at mavistian@gmail.com.
Announcements

Trek Medics Wins Tamer Fund Grant

Congratulations to Trek Medics International, a Columbia Startup Lab resident venture, who recently won a $25,000 grant from the Tamer Fund for Social Ventures. The Fund provides seed grants to Columbia-affiliated nonprofit, for-profit, or hybrid early-stage social ventures that can demonstrate both clear impact and a financially self-sustaining business model. Read more about Trek Medics here!

Opportunities to Get Involved

Office Hours

The staff of SEAS Entrepreneurship Programs invites you to our open office hours! Email seaseship@columbia.edu to schedule. We encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity by asking us questions about anything related to entrepreneurship, especially as you prepare to enter the Columbia Venture Competition. We have many resources that we’d love to share with you!

If there is something specific that you’d like us to include in this newsletter, please contact us. If you’re interested in what’s happening at the university-wide scale, check out our friends at Columbia Entrepreneurship, CORE and ADI.