Fall Into Entrepreneurship
We hope everyone is settling into the school year! It’s officially fall, and we’re excited about all the entrepreneurship events we have planned this coming month. Competitions, workshops, office hours, and everything in between to give you the opportunity to build a team, develop an MVP or product, learn new skills, and find funding for your ideas. We look forward to seeing you around!
Visit SEAS Entrepreneurship for more info.

Keep reading for upcoming events and deadlines!

SEAS Highlights: Third Thursday (Oct 19), and Fast Pitch (Video Deadline Oct 30, Event on Nov 14)

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

Fast Pitch 2017
If you would like to register to pitch, sign up here.
If you’d like to attend the event, RSVP here.
Upcoming Events

Columbia Robotics Showcase - New Frontiers in Robots: Bringing Imagination to Market

Thursday, October 19, 2017
8:30am-12:00pm
Location: Pulitzer Hall 3rd Floor

Come to a new showcase of Columbia’s groundbreaking advancements in the field of robotics! This half-day event on Thursday, Oct 19th, from 8:30am - 1:30pm, will feature Columbia’s leading researchers in the robotics field, presenting their cutting-edge technologies relating to health, industrial automation, and artificial intelligence.

Please RSVP here.

Third Thursday: feat. Hicham Oudghiri (Co-founder and CEO of Enigma)

Thursday, October 19, 2017
5:30-7:00pm
Location: Mudd 524

Please join us for an open forum on entrepreneurship featuring our guest speaker Hicham Oudghiri.

Hicham Oudghiri is Co-founder and CEO of Enigma. Previously, he managed the private sustainable finance program at BMCE Bank, in partnership with the World Bank Group, to create energy models for large-scale alternative energy projects across Africa. Prior to that, he supported an energy fund in Dallas, Texas where he was responsible for hedging physical energy assets against modeled counterparts in the electronic markets. Hicham received a B.A. from Columbia University, where he studied Philosophy and Mathematics. Third Thursday is a recurring open forum and networking 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. Please register here.

Hacking for Energy

Thursday, October 19, 2017
3:30 - 4:30pm
Location: Mudd Building, Room 524

Are you a grad student interested in entrepreneurship and working hands-on with the energy industry? Hacking for Energy is the course for you.

Hacking for Energy challenges students to develop and test solutions to critical problems facing the energy industry using the Lean Startup methodology. Students apply to the class after independently forming interdisciplinary teams of 4, proposing a solution to a problem submitted by the energy industry. If accepted, the student teams will use the course to test and build their solution by getting out of the classroom, talking to customers, and interacting with industry professionals. Students must apply by November 13th to participate in the Spring 2018 semester.

Interested? Come to an info session on October 19th to learn more about the class! Register here to attend.

Need help finding team members? Come to our matching meetup on October 26th to meet other students interested in taking the class! Sign up here to attend.
**Health Tech Assembly Social**  
Wednesday October 25  
6-8PM  
Location: Arts and Crafts Beer Parlor Morningside Heights

HTA will be hosting a fun social event in a relaxing atmosphere to facilitate networking across Columbia for those interested in health technology innovation and entrepreneurship. RSVP [here](#)

**Entrepreneurship Research Showcase**  
Friday, October 27, 2017  
8:30 - 10:00am  
Location: Uris Hall 326, Columbia Business School

Join us on Friday, October 27, 2017 for a showcase dedicated to exploring new ideas around entrepreneurship. The event will be hosted by Lang Center Faculty Director Olivier Toubia. Professors Modupe Akinola, Wei Jiang, and Damon Philips will give “lightning talks” on their latest research. Presentations will be followed by discussion and networking.

**Agenda**
8:30-8:45 a.m. - Welcome and continental breakfast  
8:45-9:30 a.m. - Presentations by professors Modupe Akinola, Wei Jiang, and Damon Philips  
9:30-10:00 a.m. - Networking and discussion
RSVP [here](#)

**Fast Pitch Prep 2017**  
Friday, October 27, 2017  
1:00 - 3:00pm  
Location: Mudd Room 545

In this Fast Pitch prep session we will guide you in creating a persuasive and compelling elevator pitch that you can use to ignite interest in your company. At this event, you’ll also learn the where, how, and why of videotaping your pitch as well as how to upload your pitch to our judging system to get feedback before the live Fast Pitch competition on 11/14. You will have the opportunity to meet people with different backgrounds, including business and engineering - find your co-founder!

Register for the Fast Pitch Prep Event [here](#)

**Fairness in Funding: A Conversation on Diversity and Inclusion in the VC Industry**  
Tuesday, October 31, 2017  
7:45 - 8:45am  
Location: Uris Hall 301, Columbia Business School

Join us for an important panel discussion on diversity and inclusion in the venture capital industry featuring Anne M. Busquet ’78 of Golden Seeds, Paul Capon ’13 of LunaCap Ventures, and Dana Kanze PhD ’19 — moderated by Katherine Phillips, Paul Calello Professor of Leadership and Ethics. This event is co-organized by the Eugene Lang Entrepreneurship Center and the Sanford C. Bernstein & Co. Center for Leadership and Ethics.

RSVP [here](#)

**Fast Pitch Competition**  
Tuesday, November 14, 2017  
6:00 - 9:00pm  
Location: Davis Auditorium, CEPSR Building

Fast Pitch is Columbia Engineering's annual elevator pitch competition where teams have 60 seconds to sell their business ideas to a panel of judges. Your elevator pitch could be the most important words that describe your business. If you are not able to hook your investors, partners,
or customers within the first minute, then you have likely lost them forever. The Fast Pitch competition will help your team improve your marketing, sales, and promotional capabilities. Teams are judged on their appeal, conciseness, and completeness. Attendance and participation is free. As for the experience, it is priceless!

For more information about the competition, contact ischultz@columbia.edu. Undergrads, grad students, and faculty from all schools and institutes across Columbia University are eligible to participate.

If you would like to register to pitch, sign up [here](#). If you’d like to attend the event, RSVP [here](#).

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**Upcoming Deadlines**

1. **Fast Pitch**

   Videos due **October 30th**. Teams who submit videos have priority to pitch.
   Save the Date for the live event on **November 14th, 2017** in Davis Auditorium

2. **ELABNYC**

   Apply by **October 23**

   ELabNYC, the Bio and Health Tech Entrepreneurship Lab NYC, is open to research scientists, engineers, MD’s, MBA’s faculty, graduate students, post docs, and technologists based in NYC who meet certain eligibility requirements-see [ELabNYC FAQ's](#) for details.

3. **Columbia Biomedical Technology Accelerator**

   We are very pleased to announce that the Columbia Biomedical Technology Accelerator is currently accepting Pre-Proposals for the next application cycle (i.e. 2018 funding).

   All biomedical technologies with the potential to directly impact human health will be considered (e.g. therapeutic drugs and devices, medical imaging, monitoring devices, biosensors, biomaterials, and platform technologies). Most relevant are technologies in which the time to market can be achieved in 7 to 10 years. To be eligible, the project/technology must be an idea or invention based on Columbia intellectual property.

   Eligible teams must include both an engineer/scientist and a clinician, and at least one PI must have a faculty appointment at Columbia. If you need an engineering or clinical collaborator, we may be able to facilitate introductions. Please email matchmaking requests to [biomedx@columbia.edu](mailto:biomedx@columbia.edu) by **November 1, 2017**.

   **PRE-PROPOSALS ARE DUE BY FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2017.**

   **INFO SESSIONS**

   **Friday, October 6th, 12pm, Mudd 220B (Mech Eng Conference Room) [map][Click here to RSVP]**
Opportunities to Get Involved

Mentoring

We're always looking for mentors for our most promising teams. If you would like to share advice and help an aspiring entrepreneur, please register here to be a volunteer mentor. You will have the amazing opportunity to assist a team improve its business idea/model and increase its chances of gaining funding!

Office Hours & Sounding Board

The staff of SEAS Entrepreneurship Programs invites you to our open office hours! Email seaseship@columbia.edu to schedule. We also have an amazing group of alumni serving on our Sounding Board. We encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity by asking 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!

Announcements

Congratulations to the winning team members from Columbia University's SEAS Computer Graphics and User Interfaces Lab: Carmine Elvezio, Mengu Sukan, Barbara Tversky, Steven Feiner. The team won the grand prize of $10,000 at the NYC Media Lab annual summit on September 28th for their project "Travel in Large-Scale Head-Worn VR" which allows users to wear VR head-worn display to point at a world-in-miniature representation of a city-scale virtual environment. Read more.

Second prize winner, Columbia SEAS team members Daniel de Godoy, Peter Kinget, and Fred Jiang won for their project "Localization System for Pedestrian Safety." Read more
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