Fall in Entrepreneurship

Fall is here, and we have had our hands full in entrepreneurship with competitions, panels, and events planned all throughout the month. Congratulations to graduate team Local Impact and undergraduate teams Hera and Ezra MD for winning the 2018 Fast Pitch Competition. Thanks to the other 32 teams that came out to compete and make Fast Pitch exciting and engaging!

Continue reading for upcoming events and deadlines!

* Local Impact team member Beverly Leon holding up the prize check after winning first place in the graduate Fast Pitch Competition.

See a summary of the 2018 Fast Pitch Competition below!

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, The Lang Center, CTV, CORE and ADI.

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**Upcoming Events**

**2018 Social Enterprise Conference, Capital for Good**
Date: November 30, 2018  
Time: 8:00am - 5:30pm  
Location: Riverside Church, 490 Riverside Drive

Join us as we bring together industry leaders, investors, philanthropists, professionals, faculty, students, and alumni to share best practices and engender new ideas surrounding the intersection of capital and society. Speaker presentations will catalyze conversations of change and embolden a generation to take risks in order to create a world in which everyone, regardless of where they were born, has the equal opportunity to succeed in creating a better life for themselves, their families, and their communities.

This headline event provides a unique opportunity for you to tap into the vibrant ecosystem of capital for social impact. We have a diverse line-up of over 40 speakers who will be sharing how they are changing the way we think about how capital is sourced and used to generate sustainable solutions to global, systemic challenges through the lens of business, philanthropy, impact investing, social entrepreneurship, and more. [Register here](#)

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**Upcoming Deadlines**

**Verizon 5G EdTech $100k Challenge Application**  
Due: Friday, November 30th

The [Verizon 5G EdTech Challenge](#) is a nationwide open call to find the most innovative, cutting-edge educational technologies that will transform middle school education. 10 winners consisting of nonprofit and university teams will be granted $100k each.

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**Columbia Lab-to-Market Accelerators**

Accelerator programs aim to encourage innovation by supporting interdisciplinary engineering, scientific, and clinical teams. The ultimate goal of the accelerator program is to increase the potential for private investment towards continued product development, clinical testing, and improved patient care and healthcare outcomes. Selected teams work closely with business, legal, and regulatory experts to define commercially-relevant hypotheses for research towards technical and business proof-of-concepts. See the list of programs below.

MEDICAL TECHNOLOGIES / DEVICES / DIAGNOSTICS / DATA SCIENCE

**Columbia Biomedical Technology Accelerator | BiomedX**  
Selected [eligible](#) teams receive funding, advice, and guidance to help advance promising biomedical technologies from conception to proof-of-concept.  
[ColumbiaBiomedX.com](#) | [BiomedX@columbia.edu](#)  
Apply [Here](#)

THERAPEUTICS / DRUG DEVELOPMENT

**Accelerating Cancer Therapeutics | ACT**
Accelerating Cancer Therapeutics (ACT) is an accelerator program designed to leverage Columbia's proficiency in drug discovery and provide access to entrepreneurs and the pharmaceutical industry to advance novel cancer therapeutics from the lab towards the path of commercialization and clinical implementation.

cancer.columbia.edu  |  act@cumc.columbia.edu
Apply Here

Translational Therapeutics Resource | TRx
The TRx Resource is a centralized resource for Columbia Faculty and students motivated to move discoveries through drug development pathway.

www.irvinginstitute.columbia.edu  |  TRxResource@columbia.edu
Apply Here

Columbia Startup Lab
The Columbia Startup Lab provides 71 Columbia alums with the co-working space, programming, and network they need to take their ventures to the next level. The Lab has a few openings for SEAS alumni.

Apply now and jump start your startup.

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News and Stories

2018 Fast Pitch Competition Recap:

The 2018 Fast Pitch Competition was action packed with over 30 teams competing while NYC was hit with heavy snow on November 15th. Entrepreneurs across campus were given just 60 seconds to pitch their ideas to a panel of judges, hoping to win part of the $5000 prize pool. Thanks to all who came out to support the teams and participate in one of our favorite traditions.

Teams Hera and Ezra MD shared first place for undergraduates, while Local Impact took home the prize for graduate teams. Team Hera, consisting of Rachel Mintz, Stephanie Rager, Kelly Ryu, and Mia Saade, is developing an easy to use smart bra capable of detecting early signs of Mastitis, the inflammation of breast tissue due to breast feeding. Team Ezra MD, led by Mohamed Abedelmalik, provides users with an AI that transcribes medical conversations between doctors and patients. Local Impact, along with team member Beverly Leon, seeks to improve civics education by gamifying the process through an easily navigable app.

We also give an honorable mention to SmartARSect and Dux for taking home second place and the audience choice award respectively.

See photographs of the event below:
Yvette Miller: Interviews on Entrepreneurship

Yvette Miller, from Columbia Entrepreneurship, recently interviewed two well renowned entrepreneurs–Steve Blank and Alexander Osterwalder–about their experience with entrepreneurship in the professional world. These interviews were eventually picked up and published by Forbes.

First, Yvette sat down with Steve Blank, a Columbia Senior Fellow for Entrepreneurship. Steve, a serial entrepreneur-turned-bestselling author and educator, spoke about the changes that have occurred in the startup landscape over the years. Yvette then spoke with Alexander Osterwalder, the inventor of the Business Model Canvas and best-selling author of multiple books, to discuss the opportunities within corporate entrepreneurship. See the full interviews below:

Interview with Steve Blank
Interview with Alexander Osterwalder

Columbia Celebrates Launch of First Publicly-funded VR/AR Center in the Country
Columbia University took part in the launch of RLab, the country’s first ever publicly-funded virtual and augmented reality (VR/AR) lab. In partnership with the NYC Media Lab, Columbia is part of a consortium of New York City universities, including the NYU Tandon School of Engineering, CUNY, and the New School, that will administer the lab as a hub for translational research and innovation, startups, and job training. Read More.

CYBER NYC Initiative
Columbia will have a leadership role in launching and running the NYCEDC’s CyberNYC initiative, alongside partners including Cornell Tech, CUNY, NYU, Jerusalem Venture Partners, SOSA, iQ4, and Fullstack Academy.

On behalf of CyberNYC, CTV will be leading the effort helping to accelerate promising early-stage cybersecurity
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!