

Washington University in St. Louis

Entrepreneurial Practical Experiences & Resources

Workshops and Events

Washington University

Bear Cub Fund Competition

Supports promising translational research not normally backed by federal grants.

Dates: Awarded in Spring, Summer, Fall (includes various events leading up to award)

Sponsors: Skandalaris Center, OTM, CRIB

<http://ideabounce.com/bearcub15summer>

Boeing Challenge

Patent translation/commercialization challenge based on Boeing intellectual property.

Dates: Awarded annually in December (includes various events leading up to award)

Sponsor: Skandalaris Center, Boeing Phantom Works Ventures

<http://skandalaris.wustl.edu/boeing-challenge/>

Evidence-Based Entrepreneurship Workshop Series

Seven session workshop provides hands-on, real life, practical skills and tools needed to start a venture in science, medicine, and entrepreneurship.

Dates: offered Spring and Fall semesters

Sponsor: ICTS, Skandalaris Center

<http://skandalaris.wustl.edu/training/workshops/>

Global Impact Award (GIA)

Funding award for sustainable, scalable, for-profit ventures proposing an application of technology to solve a real world problem with the widest possible global impact.

Dates: Awarded annually in November (includes various events leading up to award)

Sponsor: Skandalaris Center

<http://ideabounce.com/gia15>

IdeaBounce

Event where entrepreneurs get feedback about their idea and find out what potential customers think about it. This is the first step for Skandalaris Center sponsored competitions.

Occurs: Every 2-3 months.

Sponsor: Skandalaris Center

<http://skandalaris.wustl.edu/getstarted/>

Skandalaris Cup

Competition supporting new venture creation engaging students and faculty, providing practical training, and access to funding for the most promising ventures.

Dates: Annually in April (includes various events leading up to award)

Sponsor: Skandalaris Center

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Social Enterprise and Innovation Competition (SEIC)

Competition supporting new social ventures that lead to social change.

Dates: Annually in April (includes various events leading up to award)

Sponsor: Skandalaris Center

<http://skandalaris.wustl.edu/>

WU-STL Start Up Training Lab

Year-long series of 22 training sessions on both commercial and social entrepreneurship providing a comprehensive introduction to innovation and entrepreneurship. Serves as an independent, but complementary, training-ground for participants in WashU entrepreneurial competitions. Free and open to the public.

Dates: September to April, Sunday 1:00-4:00, WashU Campus

Sponsors: Skandalaris Center, The Mission Center L3C

<http://www.missioncenterl3c.com/wustl-start-training-lab-powered-mission-center/>

St. Louis Community

Venture Café

Weekly gathering of entrepreneurs for conversation, collaboration, and storytelling. Enhances and accelerates the innovation process through spaces, programs, and conversations for individual and organization relationship building.

Dates: Weekly, Thursday 3:00-8:00 PM, 4240 Duncan Ave, Suite 200

<http://www.vencafstl.org>

Organizations & Resources

Washington University

Biotechnology and Life Science Advising Group (BALSA)

Graduate student organization providing consulting services to local businesses in the biotech and healthcare industry.

<http://thebalsagroup.org/>

Bioentrepreneurship Core (BEC)

A multidisciplinary organization educating students, faculty, and staff in biotechnology-based entrepreneurial opportunities and skills. Open to all Wash U affiliates.

<http://gradpages.wustl.edu/bec>

Collaboration of Resources in Entrepreneurship (CORE)

Serves as a channel for communication and to provide collaboration opportunities across the various schools and programs. Contact Geetha Rao Sant grsant@wustl.edu in the Law School.

Entrepreneurship and Intellectual Property Clinic (EIP)

Offers business and transactional legal advice and services to new and emerging nonprofit and qualifying for-profit organizations.

<https://law.wustl.edu/clinicaled/pages.aspx?id=6835>

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Entrepreneurship and Venture Capital Association (EVCA)

Graduate student organization established to nurture the entrepreneurial spirit of the St. Louis Community.
<http://olinwustl.campusgroups.com/evca/about/>

IDEA Lab

Bioengineering design and entrepreneurship incubator founded at WashU. Students, faculty, staff, and entrepreneurs team up to tackle unmet needs in healthcare delivery and clinical medicine.
<http://idealabsincubator.org/>

Office of Technology Management

Assists members of WashU in the transfer of technology to private companies for the benefit of society while generating income to support research and education.
<https://otm.wustl.edu/>

Center for Research Innovation in Biotechnology (CRIB)

Focuses on development of further knowledge about FDA-approved medicines and expends this knowledge to include other FDA-approved biomedical products, including vaccines and medical devices.
<http://crib.wustl.edu/>

St. Louis Community

BioGenerator

An evergreen investor that creates, grows, and invests in promising companies and entrepreneurs in the St. Louis region. BioGenerator is the investment arm of BioSTL.
<http://www.biogenerator.org/>

BioSTL

Fosters collaborative efforts to advance regional prosperity that build on St. Louis' world-class medical & plant biosciences.
<http://biostl.org/>

Cortex, Center for Emerging Technologies (CET)

Provides infrastructure and resources for early-stage, high-growth companies in the fields of information technology, bioscience and consumer/manufactures products.
<http://cortexstl.com/the-district/innovation-centers/cet/>

Innovate St. Louis

Catalyst for the entrepreneurial ecosystem in St. Louis through the creation of entrepreneur centered communities where entrepreneurs, investors, and relevant stakeholders can connect to accelerate the success of new ventures.
<http://innovatestl.org/>

Note: Former Medical School Dean Dr. William Peck is a board member.

Missouri Technology Corporation (MTC)

Public-private partnership created by the Missouri General Assembly to promote entrepreneurship and foster the growth of new and emerging high-tech companies.
<http://www.missouritechnology.com/>