Skandalaris Center for Interdisciplinary Innovation and Entrepreneurship

The Skandalaris Center for Interdisciplinary Innovation and Entrepreneurship (http://skandalaris.wustl.edu) is the place on campus Where Creative Minds Connect.

Mission

At the Skandalaris Center, we provide entrepreneurial resources to those who think differently at Washington University, within St. Louis, and beyond.

Who We Serve

Our initiatives serve all students, alumni, faculty, staff and the community. We call this the SC Network.

Our Pursuits

Our initiatives are divided into three parts:

1. Get Connected (p. 1)
2. Get Trained (p. 1)
3. Get Funded (p. 1)

Get Connected

We are building the largest online community of Washington University talent, called ConNEXT (http://skandalaris.wustl.edu/connext). ConNEXT is a networking tool for sharing ideas, exchanging skills, and finding mentors and mentees.

ConNEXT is a resource for those who:

- Need someone else's help
- Have a skill to offer
- Want to be a mentor
- Want to find a mentor

Join the community via our website (http://skandalaris.wustl.edu/connext) or fill out our connection form (http://wustl-skandalaris.bitbucket.org) to join the newsletter and learn about ways to get involved.

Get Trained

The Skandalaris Center offers co-curricular programs to serve students, alumni, faculty, staff and the community in their entrepreneurial needs. These programs provide real-world, practical training opportunities.

1. InSITE Fellowship (http://skandalaris.wustl.edu/training/insite-fellowship)

Get Funded

We host several competitions each year that provide funding to social and commercial ventures. Each of these is an annual competition, with the exception of the Bear Cub, which awards funding three times a year.
Bear Cub Challenge (https://source.wustl.edu/2016/06/bear-cub-challenge-awards-225000-five-research-teams)

- This challenge provides funding for translational research with the goal of advancing the university’s intellectual property toward commercialization.
- **Who Can Apply:** Washington University faculty, postdocs and graduate students
- **Award:** Award amounts vary

The Skandalaris Center Cup (SC Cup) (http://skandalaris.wustl.edu/funding/sc-cup)

- The SC Cup awards student-funded, for-profit ventures.
- **Who Can Apply:** Washington University students and postdocs
- **Award:** Up to $5K, six months of mentorship

Social Enterprise and Innovation Competition (SEIC) (http://sites.wustl.edu/seic)

- SEIC awards socially focused for-profit and nonprofit ventures. Teams are funded by community donors and foundations.
- **Who Can Apply:** Anyone (no Washington University affiliation required)
- **Award:** Award amounts vary


- Translate real, high-level Washington University patents into everyday English, and then apply the technology to an innovative, commercializable use (no licensing options available, strictly educational).
- **Who Can Apply:** Washington University students and postdocs
- **Award:** $10K in awards ($5K to undergraduate teams, $5K to graduate and postdoc teams)

Suren G. Dutia and Jas K. Grewal Global Impact Award (GIA) (http://skandalaris.wustl.edu/funding/global-impact-award)

- This awards scalable, impactful, quick-to-market Washington University startups.
- **Who Can Apply:** Washington University students and recent alumni
- **Award:** Up to $50K

Student Groups

IDEA Labs (http://ideas.wustl.edu), The BALSA Group (http://www.thebalsagroup.org), and The Entrepreneurship and Venture Capital Association (http://olinwustl.campusgroups.com/evca/about) provide additional opportunities to train and even launch a venture.

Learn More

Please contact the Skandalaris Center (https://skandalaris.wustl.edu/contact-us) for additional information about all programs. We're excited to hear from you!

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