

Application Deadlines

9/12

Apply for Ascender's Founder's Hat (for startup founders)

9/17

Ocean Exchange Collegiate Awards – startup-style competition (See below and apply!)

Are you a student founder working on an ocean, climate, or sustainability solution, or have an idea you want to bring to life? Pitch your idea this fall for a chance to win one of three \$10K non-dilutive grants through the Ocean Exchange Collegiate Awards Applications are short, the competition is exciting, and the deadline is September 17, 2025. Apply now at <https://www.oceanexchange.org/register/>.

9/19

Ascender – Latine-Owned Business Grants

9/26

Opportunities with Bayer Crop Science – Apply to all by 9/26!

-Bayer LifeHub California @AgStart-Golden Ticket III

-Bayer LifeHub California @Woodland-Golden Ticket III

9/27

PearX Accelerator Applications Are Open through Sept. 27

9/30

Apply to PGH Lab 11.0!

9/30

VentureWell E-Team Program (part of the VentureWell Accelerator-supports student ventures with up to \$25K in grant funding)

10/1

Baylor New Venture Competition

10/16

Dentons Cohen & Grigsby P.C. 2025: Corporate Innovation & Entrepreneurship Fall Social

11/3

Applications Open: Rice Business Plan Competition

12/12

Apply to the 3 Rivers Venture Fair-Venture Connection

1/31

Rice Business Plan Competition – Apply by 11:59 PM!

Ongoing

SBIR/STTR Federal Application Deadlines