

Application Deadlines

8/16

Ascender's 2026 Founder's Hat

8/17

LifeX Life Science Accelerator Commercialization Internship

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

9/30

Apply to PGH Lab 11.0!

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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

11/1 (Submissions: Aug 1 – Nov 1, 2026)

Break the Barrier, by Inventacare: Healthcare Innovation Competition (Open to students, faculty, and current founders)

11/3

Applications Open: Rice Business Plan Competition

1/31

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

Ongoing

SBIR/STTR Federal Application Deadlines