Stu Clark New Venture Championships

Take Your Venture to the International Stage

The Stu Clark New Venture Championships, hosted by the University of Manitoba in Winnipeg, Canada, brings together student entrepreneurs to compete with innovative business ventures from universities across North America and beyond.

With undergraduate and graduate divisions, more than $72,000 in cash prizes, and opportunities to present to experienced entrepreneurs and industry professionals, the competition offers students a chance to test their business concepts in a competitive, international environment.

Why Participate?

Compete Beyond Your Campus

Represent A-State alongside student entrepreneurs from other universities. See how your venture compares with emerging businesses developed by students across different institutions and disciplines.

Put Your Business Concept to the Test

Move beyond a promising idea by developing a detailed business plan, demonstrating market potential, and explaining how your venture can become a sustainable business.

Get Feedback From Experienced Professionals

Present your venture to entrepreneurs, investors, and business professionals who can challenge your assumptions, offer practical insights, and help you identify opportunities for improvement.

Compete for Significant Cash Prizes

The competition offers more than $72,000 in cash awards across undergraduate and graduate divisions, including business plan, video pitch, and social entrepreneurship opportunities.

Build Connections Beyond the Competition

Meet fellow student founders, industry leaders, and potential collaborators while gaining exposure to a broader entrepreneurial community.

Who Can Participate?

The competition welcomes undergraduate and graduate students from a wide range of academic disciplines.

- Individual students or teams of up to five may participate.
- Teams must have the endorsement of a faculty or staff advisor.
- Ventures should generally be new, independent businesses in the seed, startup, or early-growth stages.
- Additional eligibility requirements apply to each competition division.

Students developing ventures based on university research or licensed technologies may also be eligible, subject to competition requirements.

Key Dates and Deadlines: 2027 Competition

Date	Milestone
March 2, 2027	**Application Deadline:** Submit your competition application and required materials.
To Be Announced	**Finalist Notifications:** Selected teams will receive information about advancing to the competition.
April 28–30, 2027	**Competition Dates:** Selected teams compete at the University of Manitoba in Winnipeg, Canada.

Important Planning Considerations

- **Start early:** Allow sufficient time to develop your business plan, prepare presentations, and secure faculty or staff advisor support.
- **Plan for international travel:** Selected teams should prepare for passport requirements, travel arrangements, and any applicable Canadian entry requirements.
- **Protect your intellectual property:** Students developing potentially patentable technologies should consult A-State's Technology Transfer office before submitting or publicly presenting proprietary information.

Dates and requirements are subject to change. Students should verify all deadlines and submission requirements through the official competition website.

How to Get Started

Interested students should review the competition's official eligibility requirements, application instructions, and submission materials.

Before applying:

1. **Review the competition guidelines** to determine whether your venture meets the eligibility requirements.
2. **Identify your team and advisor** and confirm their availability to participate.
3. **Develop your business plan** with particular attention to market opportunity, competitive positioning, and financial feasibility.
4. **Prepare your application materials** according to the competition's submission requirements.
5. **Submit your application** by the published deadline.

Learn More and Apply

Visit the official competition website for complete eligibility requirements, application instructions, prize details, and updates.

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