

Learn@State

Learn@State is a collaborative campus-wide initiative that brings together faculty, staff, and students to explore innovative ideas that support the university's mission and strategic priorities. The event provides an opportunity for participants to share new concepts, discuss emerging challenges, and develop practical solutions that can positively impact the institution.

Facilitated through the Program-Level Assessment Committee, Learn@State encourages collaboration across disciplines and departments while promoting creative approaches to issues affecting higher education.

2026 Learn@State Pitch Competition

This year's Learn@State event will be held as a pitch competition focused on innovative projects and initiatives that support:

- Recruitment
- Retention
- Research

Teams of two to six participants will have five minutes to present a proposed project or initiative, including a brief overview of the concept and its anticipated impact on the university.

Selected proposals will compete for funding of up to **\$5,000** to support implementation during the academic year. Judging will be coordinated by the Office of Research and Technology Transfer.

Winning team(s) will be invited to return to the following year's Learn@State event to share project outcomes, findings, and progress.

Event Information

Date: October 7, 2026

Location: Judd Hill Farmers' Market

Audience: Faculty, Staff, and Students

Light refreshments will be provided. Members of the campus community are encouraged to attend and observe the competition, even if they are not participating as presenters.

Registration

Faculty and staff interested in participating in the pitch competition should complete the Learn@State registration form:

Registration Link:

https://astate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_85HUI4TX1Y7btZk

Participants do not need to have a fully developed proposal at the time of registration. The registration form is intended to collect a preliminary project idea or abstract and does not restrict a team's ability to refine or revise their concept before the competition.

Registration opens in August and remains open through September.

“ **Note:** Submission of the registration form does not require a completed project plan. Participants are encouraged to register even if their idea is still in development.

Event Flyer

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@JUDD HILL FARMER'S
MARKET

FOOD, FUN, & FUNDS FOR
THE FUTURE

7 OCTOBER
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@JUDD HILL FARMER'S MARKET

TEAMS
OF 2-6
PEOPLE

THE EVENT

BRING A
TEAM

MEET WITH
EXPERTS

PITCH YOUR
IDEA

AWARDS!

REGISTER TODAY! CONTACT THE OFFICE OF ACCREDITATION & ASSESSMENT

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