Call for Student Activity and Event Proposals
Blockchain Initiative
Institute for Business & Social Impact & Masters in Financial Engineering

Proposal Submissions Now Open
Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis until March 1st, 2019 for the 2018-19 academic year. Applications for fall semester 2019 will open April 1st, 2019. Funding decisions will be made as applications are received.

Proposal Submission: Submit all requested information through this google form. For student research proposals refer to our research proposal call document.

Call for Proposals: Berkeley-Haas has been awarded a multi-year, multi-million-dollar grant from Ripple, a growing company in the emerging blockchain industry, to support research, courses and student activities in blockchain, cryptocurrency and digital payments. The grant will be housed in the Institute for Business and Social Impact (IBSI) working in collaboration with the Masters of Financial Engineering (MFE) program at Berkeley-Haas. The grant will fund faculty and student research, experiential learning, activities and related events across the Berkeley campus, including Engineering, the Law School, School of Information, etc.

This year IBSI will award grants to UC Berkeley students, student organizations or student groups (should be recognized by ASUC. If you are not recognized by ASUC, the name of a sponsoring faculty or staff member must be included on your application) to support experiential learning, activities and events in the following areas:

a. Blockchain and distributed systems.
b. Cryptocurrency and digital payments.
c. Cryptography, particularly as it relates to the above topics.
d. Related subject areas such as blockchain for social good, economic development, and global financial inclusion will also be considered.
• Funding is available for **student-run event support** such as conferences, roundtables, and speaker series in the above subject areas.
• Funding is available for **student activities** such as competitions, pitch nights, prizes and guest speakers.

IBSI is requesting proposals for awards of $250-$5,000. Please include all budget items for which funding is being requested under the appropriate category. Include cost/item, total amount/items requested and justification. Please be as detailed as possible.

Under exceptional circumstances, IBSI will fund activities beyond the $5,000 maximum allotment. If you'd like to be considered for additional funding, please indicate the amount requested.

A one-page report of how funds were used will be required within one year of start date. Please contact Karin_Bauer@berkeley.edu with any questions.