20 Years of Turning Ideas to Impact

About GSVC
Celebrating 20 years of impact in 2019, the Global Social Venture Competition (GSVC) is one of oldest social venture competitions with partners and regional competitions in the United States, Europe, Asia, Africa, and Latin America.

How it Works - Technology for Good
New for 2019, participating ventures must include a technology component, whether a technology-based solution or a technology is utilized to address the solution. Teams must include at least one student or recent student alum and will learn how to design business models through the “lean startup” process that emphasizes stakeholder discovery, innovation, and social impact measurement.

Participants receive exposure, mentorship and access to a variety of education opportunities. Top finalists participate in a Global Finals event that convenes successful social entrepreneurs and thought leaders for a 3-day event that culminates in the awarding of over $80,000 in prizes. Judges, mentors, and sponsors shape the global social entrepreneurship community and help transform ideas into ventures that address the world’s most pressing challenges.

GSVC EMPOWERS THE NEXT GENERATION OF SOCIAL ENTREPRENEURS AROUND THE WORLD.

$80,000 IN CASH PRIZES

6,500+ PARTICIPATING TEAMS SINCE 1999

65+ COUNTRIES

TO APPLY:
APPLICATIONS DUE:
December 3, 2018

REGIONAL FINALS:
February/March

GLOBAL FINALS AT UC BERKELEY:
April 3-5, 2019

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VENTURES COMPETING IN GSVC HAVE GONE ON TO ACHIEVE GLOBAL SUCCESS ACROSS ALL SECTORS.

GSVC Alumni include:

From top-left, counter-clockwise:
Sanergy aims to make hygienic sanitation affordable and accessible (Kenya).

Revolution Foods creates healthy, fresh, real food for kids and families (USA).

We Care Solar provides maternal health workers in developing regions with solar suitcases for lighting and communications.

d.light delivers affordable solar lighting solutions to the developing world (Global).

2018 HIGHLIGHTS

• More than 550 entrants from 60 countries.
• Top Teams: FabricAID (Lebanon), offering a recycled clothing company; NeMo, a neonatal monitoring device and app; Thinkerbell Labs (India), a device that helps children learn braille.
• Themes: Food, Education, Technology, and Energy/Natural Resources
• Judges Included Representatives from: Acumen Fund, BNP Paribas, MasterCard, Dow Ventures, Salesforce Ventures, Kapor Capital, DBL Partners, Better Ventures, Social Value International and Samasource.