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

About GSVC
The Global Social Venture Competition (GSVC) is one of oldest social venture competitions, and has the largest global reach. Founded at UC Berkeley’s Haas School of Business in 1999, GSVC has evolved into a global network of premier business schools, universities, and programs in the Americas, Africa, Asia, and Europe.

How it Works
Teams must include at least one student or recent student alum and will learn how to design business models through the “lean launch” 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.

APPLICATIONS DUE: December 4, 2017
REGIONAL FINALS:
Preliminary (virtual) February 23, 2018
Regional Finals (In-Person) March 9, 2018
GLOBAL FINALS IN ITALY: April 11-13, 2018

$80,000 IN CASH PRIZES
6,000+ PARTICIPATING TEAMS SINCE 1999
50+ COUNTRIES REPRESENTED

Turning Ideas into Impact.

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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).

2017 Highlights

• More than 600 entrants from 65 countries.
• Top Teams: Kheyti from India offers an affordable, modular “Greenhouse-in-a-Box” that is integrated with end-to-end support, and MindRight from the U.S. provides mental health coaching over texts to help at-risk youth recover from trauma.
• Themes: Food, Education, Technology, and Energy/Natural Resources