

# 2018 - 2019 Business Plan Competitions

Competition	URL	Coordinator	Eligibility	About	Key dates
Orange Tank	<a href="https://whitman.syr.edu/programs-and-academics/centers-and-institutes/falcone/for-students/orangetank.aspx">https://whitman.syr.edu/programs-and-academics/centers-and-institutes/falcone/for-students/orangetank.aspx</a>	Whitman School of Management	Competition held over Orange Central Homecoming Weekend open to Whitman alumni entrepreneurs and undergraduate majors from the Whitman School of Management.	\$8,000 in prizes (\$5,000 first prize, \$2,000 second prize, \$1,000 third prize)	Applications due late August  Competition October 19, 2018 Whitman School of Management Flaum Grand Hall
Cuse Tank	<a href="http://launchpad.syr.edu">http://launchpad.syr.edu</a>	Blackstone LaunchPad Syracuse Libraries in conjunction with SU Parents Office	Open to Syracuse University undergraduate and graduate students from all disciplines, who are working on developing new products, services or technologies.	\$10,000 in prizes. Held in conjunction with Family Weekend, this "Shark-Tank style" competition will feature spirited pitches by student entrepreneurs to a panel of distinguished parent entrepreneurs.	Applications due October 1, 2018  Competition October 26, 2018 Bird Library
Student Startup Madness	<a href="http://studentstartupmadness.com/">http://studentstartupmadness.com/</a>	Founded by Sean Branagan, Director of the Center for Digital Media Entrepreneurship at the Newhouse School at Syracuse University, but run independently of SU as a national competition.	College student teams with digital media startups (in concept, in development or in operation) can apply. Should fall into following categories: Augmented & Virtual Reality, Enterprise & Smart Data, Entertainment & Content, Health & Wearable, Hyper-Connected Communities, Payment & FinTech, Security & Privacy, Social & Culture, Sports & Performance Data, and Transportation.	National competition offering visibility at a global venue and opportunity to pitch to investors. A slate of "entrepreneurial eight" teams are downselected in a "March Madness" style virtual competition. Competition is held during spring break in Austin, Texas in conjunction with SXSW Interactive Festival.	Applications open in September and run through early Dec. 2018. Semi-finalists announced in mid-January, finalists announced in early February. National Championship finals at South By Southwest (SXSW) Interactive held at SXSW's Startup Village, Austin during spring break (week of March 10, 2019)

Impact Prize	<a href="https://launchpad.syr.edu">https://launchpad.syr.edu</a>	Blackstone LaunchPad Syracuse Libraries	Open to Syracuse University students and SUNY ESF students taking entrepreneurship courses at SU. Teams must be working on ventures that solve pressing societal issues, either as profit or non-profit entities.	\$10,000 in prizes supported by donor gifts to the SU Libraries, with a goal of inspiring students to think about big challenges in the context of civic engagement and social entrepreneurship.	Applications due October 29, 2018  Competition November 15, 2018
Panasci Business Plan Competition	<a href="https://whitman.syr.edu/programs-and-academics/centers-and-institutes/falcone/for-students/panasci/index.aspx">https://whitman.syr.edu/programs-and-academics/centers-and-institutes/falcone/for-students/panasci/index.aspx</a>	Whitman School of Management and the Falcone Center for Entrepreneurship	Full-time or part-time matriculated student, undergraduate, or graduate level, who is currently enrolled in and pursuing a degree program, and who is registered at Syracuse University or SUNY ESF.	\$35,000 campus-wide student business plan competition, hosted by the Falcone Center for Entrepreneurship, and made possible by long-time Whitman supporter, the late Henry A. Panasci.	Applications due January 2019  Competition April 12-13, 2019
Rice Business Plan Competition	<a href="https://rbpc.rice.edu">https://rbpc.rice.edu</a>	Rice Alliance for Technology and Entrepreneurship; Whitman School of Management campus coordinator	Open to all colleges and universities. Primarily graduate students, not just MBA, but including PhD, MD JD and master's candidates. Undergraduates can compete as long as a founder is a grad student.	Over \$1 million in prizes. All teams selected to compete at Rice in Houston are guaranteed cash prizes. Minimum is \$500 and grand prize is \$300,000 (typically a convertible note) without geographic restrictions.	Applications due February 2019  Competition April 2019
ACC InVenture Prize	<a href="http://accinventureprize.com/">http://accinventureprize.com/</a>	SU campus competition coordinator is the Blackstone LaunchPad. ACC finals coordinator is Georgia Tech.	Open to full-time, degree-seeking undergraduate students or recent graduates of ACC universities within one year of graduation from their undergraduate program.	\$30,000 divided between first, second and "people's choice" awards.	Applications due February 2019  SU campus competition February 22, 2019  ACC finals at NC State April 15-18, 2019

Hult Prize Regionals	<a href="http://www.hultprize.org/current/2018-challenge/">http://www.hultprize.org/current/2018-challenge/</a>	SU campus competition coordinator is the Blackstone LaunchPad.	SU campus competition and campus winners sent on to Hult Foundation.	\$1 million grand prize. Teams that win regionals can participate in a summer accelerator program at Hult Castle in the United Kingdom.	Campus competition December 6, 2018 Regional teams announced January 2019  Regionals begin March 2019
Compete CNY	<a href="http://www.competecny.com/">http://www.competecny.com/</a>	Coordinated by the Blackstone LaunchPad	Open to any undergraduate or graduate student currently enrolled in a Central New York college or university: Syracuse University, Colgate University, Le Moyne College, SUNY Oswego, SUNY Cortland, Wells College, Cazenovia College, Upstate Medical University, OCC, and CCC.	Currently no prize funding available, however the event is the regional qualifier for the New York State Business Plan Competition.	Applications due March 2019  Competition March 29, 2019
Raymond von Dran iPrize	<a href="https://ischool.syr.edu/academics/special-initiatives/iprize/">https://ischool.syr.edu/academics/special-initiatives/iprize/</a>	Sponsored by the iSchool with coordinating support from the Blackstone LaunchPad.	Open to any undergraduate or graduate student at Syracuse University.	\$40,000 is available for Syracuse students via the RvD iPrize - awarded to top participants in the competition,	Same as Compete CNY
HBW Spirit of Entrepreneurship Award		Coordinated by Blackstone LaunchPad / SU Libraries with the iSchool	Open to any undergraduate or graduate student at Syracuse University who is competing in the iPrize	\$10,000 is available via a gift to the iSchool from the HBW family fund	Same dates as Compete CNY

New York Business Plan Competition	<a href="http://apply.nybplan.com/">http://apply.nybplan.com/</a>	Sponsored by Upstate Venture Association, FuzeHub and NYS Economic Development Council	Open to any undergraduate or graduate student currently enrolled in a New York state college or university. Teams are selected through regional qualifier competitions across 10 NYS Economic Development Regions.	Historically, up to \$150,000 in cash and in-kind prizes distributed to winners in six categories. Prizes each year are dependent on sponsorships raised	<p>CNY teams submitted after Compete CNY qualifier</p> <p>Competition in Albany, typically the last weekend in April.</p>
EO GSEA (Global Student Entrepreneur Award)	<a href="https://www.eonetwork.org/EO-GSEA/">https://www.eonetwork.org/EO-GSEA/</a> <a href="https://gsea.org/APPLY">https://gsea.org/APPLY</a> Be sure to select USA-Western NY.	Global competition sponsored by EO  Campus competition coordinated by Blackstone LaunchPad at Syracuse University	Open to undergraduate or graduate students who are business owners, founders or controlling shareholders, either 'for-profit' or social enterprise. Check website for details.	EO GSEA student nominees compete in qualifying competitions for the chance to win cash prizes and the opportunity to advance to the Nationals and Global Finals.	Applications due September 30, 2018. Regionals in Buffalo, November 8, 2018. Nationals in Denver, January 10-11, 2019. Global Finals in Macau, China, April 10-12, 2019.