More Undergrads, Women Apply to YEI Fellowship

The 2016 YEI Fellowship, a 10-week summer bootcamp for advancing ventures that’s run by the Yale Entrepreneurial Institute, received an increased number of submissions from Yale College students and from women compared to previous years. Yale College applications represented 43.2% of submissions compared to 38% last year, and applications from women were 31% of the total, up from 21% last year. In total, YEI received 43 applications from 118 applicants. Read more here.

Record $67M Investment for Yale Researcher to Develop New Cancer Drugs

A novel drug discovery platform developed by Yale professor Lieping Chen has led to a record $67 million Series A financing—one of the largest Series A financing rounds for a biotech startup and the largest such deal in Yale’s history. Chen’s technology, which investors hope will lead to new immunotherapy drugs to treat cancer, is being developed by NextCure, Inc., a new biopharmaceutical company. Read more here.

GestVision Raises Series A to Develop

UPCOMING EVENTS

THURS., FEB. 25, 12-2pm: OCR Office Hours @ Yale Ground Cafe, Becton Center. Discuss your new technology, patent questions and available resources.

THURS., FEB. 25 & FRI., FEB. 26: Office Hours with Duncan Maru, cofounder of Possible @ YEI and YSPH.

FRI., FEB. 26, 11am-1pm: Yale Innovation Series: FDA Guidance for Medical Devices @ Brady Auditorium. Lunch included.

FRI., FEB. 26, 11:45am-1pm: Financial Resources for Social and Environmental Entrepreneurs @ Phelps Hall, Room 407.

FRI., FEB. 26, 2-4pm: Connecticut Innovations Office Hours @ YEI, 254 Elm St., 3rd Floor.

FRI., FEB. 26, 3pm: Justin Kan (Twitch) & Michael Seibel (Y Combinator) @ SSS, Room 114.

APPLY NOW
Preeclampsia Test

GestVision, led by founder and CEO Wendy Davis, a School of Management alumna, has closed an A round of investment with an initial tranche of $2 million from CooperSurgical in Trumbull. Dr. Robert Auerbach, Executive VP and Chief Medical Officer of CooperSurgical, a former Yale faculty member and current executive board member for the Center for Biomedical and Interventional Technology at Yale, helped facilitate the deal. The investment could mean that in the future, pregnant women and their doctors will be armed with greater certainty in diagnosing and managing preeclampsia, preventing unnecessary hospitalizations and related preterm birth and spurring life-saving interventions. Read more here.

PremieBreathe Named to Global Social Venture Creation Program

Yale startup PremieBreathe was the first to be admitted into the Global Social Venture Creation Program, a new opportunity offered in partnership with the Yale Entrepreneurial Institute (YEI) and InnovateHealth Yale to support social ventures that require funding to travel abroad. To be eligible, teams must first be accepted into YEI’s Venture Creation Program which provides guidance, mentorship and $1,000 to advance early-stage ventures. The Global Social Venture Creation Program provides an additional $2,200 in support. Read more here.

Announcing First Harvard-Yale Pitchoff!

We’re thrilled to announce the first Harvard-Yale Pitchoff on Friday, April 1, 5pm at the Harvard Innovation Labs. This will be a showdown between three top Yale startups from the Yale Entrepreneurial Institute and three top Harvard startups from the Harvard Innovation Labs. Watch them pitch for glory in front of a panel of five investors and an audience of students, alumni, entrepreneurs and investors. REGISTER HERE!

NEW YALE PATENTS

Methods and compositions for the detection and treatment of preeclampsia (Irina Buhimschi)

Accelerated MRI with nonlinear spatial encoding gradients (Robert Todd Constable)

Compositions and methods for controlled delivery of inhibitory ribonucleic acids (W. Mark Salzman)
**Want to join YEI on the bus to Harvard for the Pitchoff? We've started a Rally Bus for the event. Sign up here!**

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