

## 2015 Business Plan Competitions

Name	About	Requirements	Deadlines	Prize \$
NY Business Plan Competition		Business Plan presentation (max 10 slides)	3.1 11:59PM Applications vary	\$500K in prize money plus in-kind awards
<a href="http://www.nybplan.com">www.nybplan.com</a>	Award categories include: Renewable Energy/ Sustainability; Biotech/Health Care; Social/Non-Profit; IT/Software; Nanotech/Advanced Technology	2-6 member teams with a faculty advisor	4.24 State Competition	
Rice Business Plan Competition	World's largest and richest graduate level business plan competition.	Full Business Plan and presentation	late Feb	Intent to compete (executive summary)
<a href="http://rbpc.rice.edu">rbpc.rice.edu</a>	Award categories include: Life Science Technology; Energy and Clean Technology; Information Technology; Aerospace; Nanotechnology; Sustainability; Earth Space Engineering; Earth/Space Life Science	2-5 student presenters, at least one graduate student in mgmt team	Mid March	Teams announced & written plan submission deadline
			Mid April	Competition
Walmart Better Living Business Plan Challenge	Realizing that business today must take into account the effect on the environment and on people.	Full Business Plan and presentation		Intent to compete
<a href="http://www.netimpact.org/walmartchallenge">www.netimpact.org/walmartchallenge</a>	Categories include: preserving clean air, water, and soil; reducing waste; improving energy efficiency or developing renewable energy ideas; and promoting healthy living for people and communities		by Jan 10	First Round - at RPI
			Mid Feb	Second round - Regionals
			Mid-late April	Semifinals and finals in AR
Tulane Business Model Competition		2-5 UG and Grad students	Mid Feb	submissions due
			Late Feb	Semifinalists announced
<a href="http://tea.tulane.edu">tea.tulane.edu</a>			mid-late Mar	Pitch & Finalists announced
			mid Apr	competition
NYC Next Idea	submit business ideas that can be launched and operated in New York City		Early-mid Nov	executive summaries due
			early Jan	Bus Model Canvas and deck
<a href="http://www.nycnextidea.com/">http://www.nycnextidea.com/</a>	must have 2-5 members on team. Recent alumni allowed. raised no more than \$100K, annual revenue of no more \$50K		late March	Live event in NYC
				\$35,000 in cash workspace in NYC venture capital and startup

Clean Tech Open Accelerator	find, fund and foster entrepreneurs with big ideas that address today’s most urgent energy, environmental and economic challenges.		Mid Mar	early bird application fee (only \$20/team) participation fee of \$475/team	\$10K-250K many resources and connections
<a href="http://www2.cleantechopen.org/overview/">http://www2.cleantechopen.org/overview/</a>	min. 2 person team, 1 must be US citizen. Team can have raised no more than \$1M.		1-May	Application deadline	
Baylor New Venture Competition	two-day, dual round business plan competition and speed pitch competition		Mid Nov early Dec	Executive summareies due Top 50 announced	\$50,000 in prize money + in-kind services
<a href="http://www.baylor.edu/business/newventurecompetition/">http://www.baylor.edu/business/newventurecompetition/</a>	for startups focused in the IT/Tech space		early Jan late Jan late Feb/ early Mar	B-Plan submission due 12 finalists announced competition	Cash prizes for all 12 finalists Feedback from start-up capital industry professionals for the top 50 teams
International Business Model Competition			early Jan late Mar	submissions open Submissions close	Over \$75K incash prizes
<a href="http://www.businessmodelcompetition.com/">http://www.businessmodelcompetition.com/</a>	rather than focusing on outputs like business plans or fundraising, this new approach focuses on the key tasks of testing unexamined assumptions in the field and developing validated business models	preseed teams encouraged no more than \$100K bootstrapped investment	mid Apr earrly May	semi-finalists announced Semi-finals & finals	
Imagine H2O			early Oct	submissions open	Cash and inkind prizes Admission to Imagine H2O Accelerator
<a href="http://www.imagineh2o.org/food-and-agriculture.php">http://www.imagineh2o.org/food-and-agriculture.php</a>	for companies whose primary value proposition improves water use, treatment, supply, or discharge in the Food and Agriculture Sector.		Mid Nov  Mid Mar	Submissions close  winners announced	
Nexus-NY			late Nov	submissions open	\$50K grants
	Accelerating clean energy technologies developed in New York from concept to startup				12-week lean startup program \$150K investment from partnering VC fund
<a href="http://nexus-ny.org/">http://nexus-ny.org/</a>	Validating commercial potential of clean tech research				

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