

NEED **FUNDING** FOR YOUR

BUSINESS IDEA?

Entrepreneur Quest (EQ) provides workshops, tools, networking, mentoring and a **\$30,000** prize pool to help any full-time Mizzou student translate an idea or side hustle into a viable business.



Go to eq.missouri.edu to apply.

EQ applications
are due by
5 p.m.
on **Sept. 3, 2026.**



Launch your business with Entrepreneur Quest

Elevator pitch competition: Sept. 22

The top 15 applicants compete before a panel of judges that selects 10 finalists with the most scalable ventures. The audience favorite receives \$2,000.

Education program

In September, October and November, the finalists participate in EQ's multiweek education program and receive mentoring from entrepreneurial leaders.



Final pitch competition: Nov. 17

The finalists compete before a panel of judges that awards seed funding to the top three. Each receives a lump sum investment along with the opportunity to win more funding (called an earnout) for milestones achieved by May 2027.

First place: \$10,000 with an additional \$5,000 earnout

Second place: \$6,000 with an additional \$4,000 earnout

Third place: \$3,000 with an additional \$2,000 earnout



Tap the innovation ecosystem.
Network and make connections.
Put learning into practice.
Convert ideas from mind to market.
Compete for funding.
Launch a venture.

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