

Boston University Innovate@BU



THE LITTLE BOOK OF
BIG IDEAS

2023-2024 Annual Report

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Innovate@BU enables every BU Terrier to drive innovation in their lives, careers, and communities.

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Welcome

Many of our students will work in jobs that do not exist today. To thrive in a rapidly evolving world, they'll need incredible resilience and problem-solving capabilities. We believe learning innovation skills and adopting an entrepreneurial mindset are the keys to getting them there, and Innovate@BU has been committed to this very endeavor since 2018.

From the start, we've set our sights beyond engaging students in traditional business and engineering pathways to those enrolled at all 17 BU schools and colleges. Our hands-on, experiential learning approach and community-focused events create an environment where students from diverse backgrounds—the arts, social impact, philosophy, theology, education, and more—can collaborate, innovate, and pick up more than a few of those innovation skills they'll need.

This year, with a concerted effort by the Innovate@BU team, we significantly increased student engagement across all of our programs and events. We doubled the size of our First-Year Innovation Fellowship cohort, gathered more than 450 students from across New England at IDEA Con, and engaged over 200 mentors to support BU students.

None of these efforts would be possible without our generous donors and dedicated volunteers, who turn the IDG Capital Student Innovation Center into more than just a space—it's a home for the next generation of changemakers.

With gratitude,

Siobhan Dullea



Siobhan Dullea
Executive Director
Innovate@BU



174
Individuals & Teams
Who've Received
Funding



3,472
Slices of Pizza

2023-24
By the Numbers

\$352,453.00
In Total Student Funding



10,000+
Visitors to the
IDG Capital Student
Innovation Center

51%
Women

Students
Engaged

49%
Men



Program Highlights & Student Stories



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Building a Network Through Music

Kenneth Woanyah (Questrom'24) loves to bring people of diverse backgrounds together to tackle difficult problems. As a musician and MBA candidate himself, Kenneth came up with an idea for an event to connect people through music but didn't have the funding. Kenneth pitched his idea to Project Action, which provided him with the resources and support that he needed to create "Minutes," an event that connected Questrom MBA students with Berklee College of Music for a night of networking and celebration of the arts at the Innovate@BU IDG Capital Student Innovation Center.

Beyond his participation in Project Action, Kenneth served as the Social Impact Coordinator at Innovate@BU and has helped dozens of students begin their entrepreneurial journeys through the Idea Incubator program (right). He was also an emcee at Innovator's Night, the New Venture Competition finale.



My advice to anyone applying to Project Action is to believe in yourself and don't underestimate your ideas.



Idea Incubator

The Idea Incubator is a self-paced, 8-week program that guides entry-level students through the process of developing ideas aligned with their passions and real-world viability. Participants receive a digital workbook, access to advanced programs, and support through weekly office hours, equipping them with the tools to transform ideas into actionable plans across various fields and endeavors.

This year, to better accommodate the large demand of entry-level students, we transformed the Idea Incubator into a weekly email-based program that guides participants through the ideation process step-by-step. This new format has proven hugely successful, doubling the size of last year's program to more than 300 students.

300+
new innovators reached



First-Year Innovation Fellowship

The First-Year Innovation Fellowship (FYIF) is a year-long program that cultivates a diverse community of innovative problem solvers among incoming first-year students. Over the course of the program, the students built a supportive community, honed their leadership skills, and explored different ways to harness innovation and entrepreneurship to positively impact their communities.

This year, we doubled the size of our cohort and welcomed 35 first-year students who received seed funding, specialized coaching, and resources to fuel their innovative ideas. Not only was the cohort twice the size as previous years, but the number of students who applied to the program more than doubled as well.

35
fellows in
largest-ever
cohort

\$16k
in seed grants
awarded



Emilia Lacy



Gia Shin



Isaac Saadia Cohen



First-Year Innovation Fellows Megan Kwan and Amy Zheng

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Waste Less, Make More.

Megan Kwan (CFA'27) had no idea that a painting major like herself could find a home at Innovate@BU. As a first-year student in the College of Fine Arts, Megan noticed that many expensive student art materials were wasted or left unused. She wanted to find a way to prevent waste in her community and alleviate the financial burden of purchasing art supplies, but didn't know where to begin.

Although Megan hadn't had experiences with entrepreneurship in the past, she decided to step out of her comfort zone and apply to the First-Year Innovation Program, where she developed her idea for a sustainable art supply donation program alongside supportive peers and mentors.

“Innovate@BU is so incredibly accessible. I'm going to pursue a minor in Innovation and entrepreneurship. I never would have done that, if FYIF didn't show me that I could do things outside of my comfort zone.”



Innovation Pathway

The Innovation Pathway is a self-paced program for current students and recent alumni that supports for- and non-profit ventures from idea to launch. Participants unlock up to \$4,750 in funding and valuable resources like coaching and mentorship as they advance through each stage.

Upon acceptance, participants progress through three stages: Walk, Run, and Fly. In the Walk stage, students validate their venture ideas through customer discovery and market research. As they advance to the Run stage, they refine their ideas into compelling and feasible ventures with realistic business models by running experiments and building minimum viable products. Finally, in the Fly stage, ventures are ready for launch and the first versions of their product or service are ready to scale.

This year, a record-breaking 77 teams joined the Innovation Pathway, up from last year’s previous record of 66 teams. There was also a strong showing of advancements along the pathway, with more than 20 teams advancing to Run and Fly. Overall, more than 150 teams participated this year.

In addition, total seed grants increased from \$38,500 to \$45,000, with an additional \$7,000 awarded via operational plan funding, incentivizing students to advance from Walk to Run.



\$62,500
in funding awarded



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Strategy2Soul

Strategy2Soul partners with companies to create supportive, health-conscious work environments, ensuring employees can thrive both personally and professionally.



Mous Films

Mous Films is a production studio that champions authentic Asian representation in media by investing in BIPOC filmmakers and supporting independent films with smaller budgets.



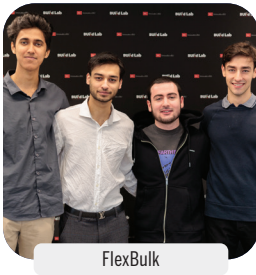
Technotonin Industries

Technotonin Industries is developing PAWE, the Portable Affordable Wheelchair Enhancer, an attachment that electrifies manual wheelchairs to make them more affordable and easier to transport.



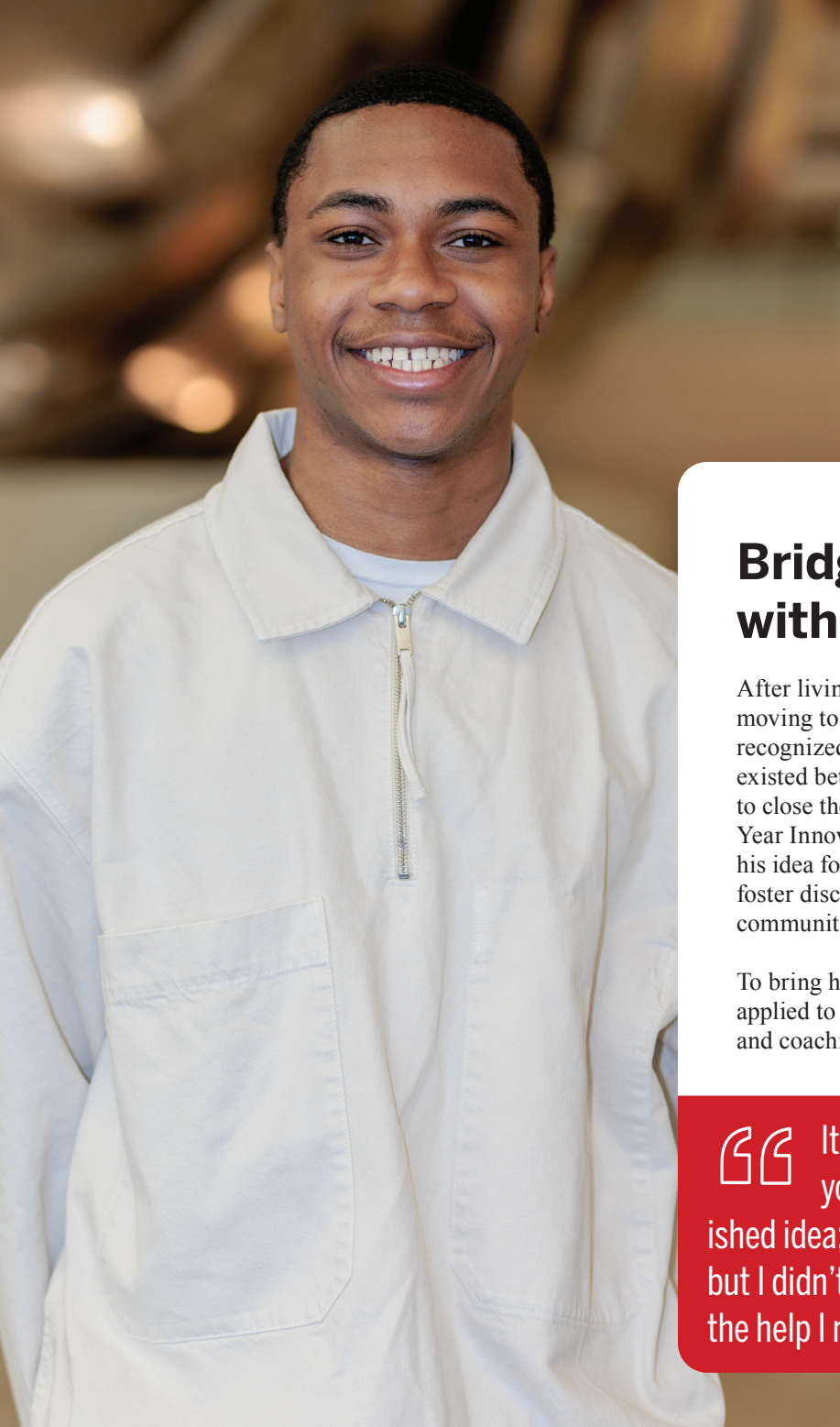
AutoPCB

AutoPCB is developing software to automate circuit design processes, including part selection, reusing common patterns like motor drivers or button inputs, and optimizing component placement.



DermOnDemand

DermOnDemand is a teledermatology service for employees at self-insured companies to access care for medical skin concerns. It lowers costs and improves speed to access care to within 24 hours.



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Bridging the Wealth Gap with Financial Literacy

After living in Port Au Prince, Haiti for 15 years and moving to Vermont, Richard Casimir (Questrom'27) recognized the discrepancies in financial knowledge that existed between his two communities and was determined to close those gaps. Upon his acceptance into the First-Year Innovation Fellowship program, Richard developed his idea for Bridging the Wealth Gap, an event that would foster discussions around financial literacy in underserved communities.

To bring his idea to life, he needed more support, so he applied to Project Action and was awarded the funding and coaching needed to make his event a success.

“It’s a learning experience. As an innovator you really don’t have to come in with a finished idea; I knew that I wanted to create an event, but I didn’t really know how. Project Action gave me the help I needed, and it was great.”

Project Action

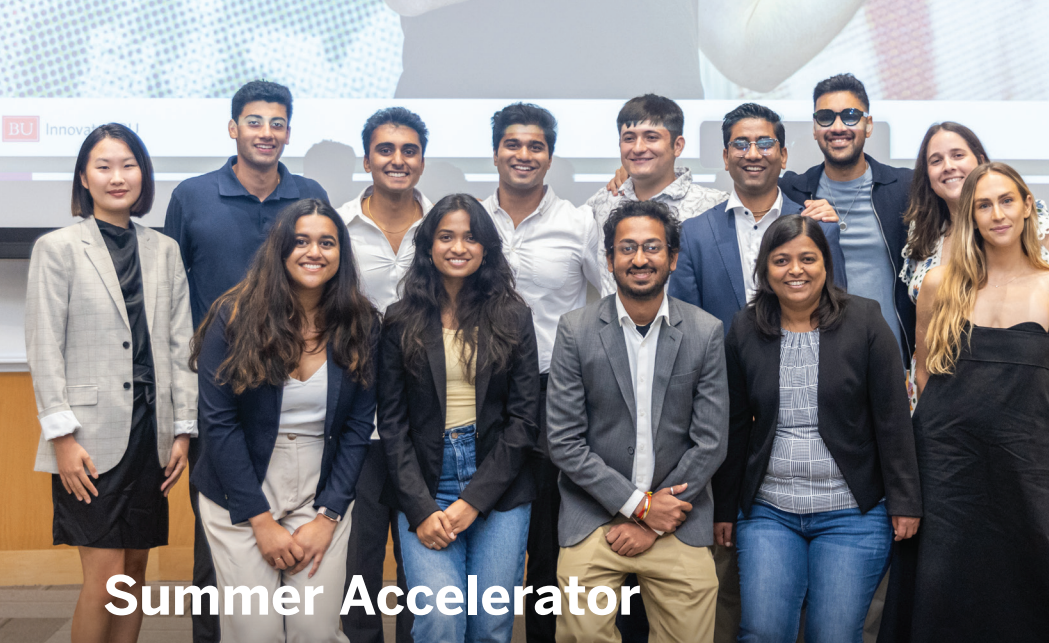
Project Action empowers students to launch time-bound projects that positively impact their community and provides them with individualized coaching, curated project-planning resources, and up to \$3,000 in funding. More than a simple transaction, Innovate@BU team members offer coaching on pursuing grants outside of BU, connections to other individuals, and professional development—even when funding is not provided.

The projects funded in this year’s program include a short film set design to give young women of color more opportunities in the film industry, a student-run education technology hackathon, and a mini-conference organized by a First-Year Innovation Fellow called “Bridging the Wealth Gap” which taught financial literacy to a diverse group of students.

14
projects funded

\$18k+
in project funding





Summer Accelerator

The **Summer Accelerator** is a 10-week program for BU students and recent alumni with early-stage ventures that provides stipends of up to \$10,000 per team along with workshops, mentorship, and a cohort of fellow student entrepreneurs.

The participants represent a wide range of industries, ranging from a homomorphic cybersecurity solution to smart therapeutics that sense for disease and conditionally respond with powerful treatments to a Boston-based intercollegiate monthly live sketch comedy show with a percentage of profits going to a local charity.

This year, several program alumni found success outside of BU. SynsoryBio, founded by twins Nathan Tague (ENG'23) and Elliot Tague (ENG'23), was accepted into YCombinator's 2024 Winter Cohort, and Sunflowers.dev, founded by Josh Mayer (CAS'24) and Greta Hachigian-Kreutzer (CAS'26), was acquired by a new company founded by alum Toshit Panigrahi (CAS'17).

Astra Wellbeing's SMS-based wellness platform is enhancing employee engagement and retention

BARO is committed to reducing fashion waste by offering a peer-to-peer clothing rental marketplace.

CipherSonic Labs provides innovative cybersecurity solutions that ensure data privacy for enterprises in the cloud.

Connect+ focuses on creating a supportive digital community for first-generation college students.

Mous Films is passionate about showcasing Asian representation and supporting BIPOC filmmakers in media.

OpenLake aims to democratize data access with no-code API management solutions for SaaS companies.



Rachel Li, Connect+

Johar Singh, Astra Wellbeing

PROMUNCH offers nutritious, plant-based snacks designed to help meet daily protein needs.

Rx Healthcare is transforming pharmacies into digital tele-clinics to improve healthcare access in South Asia.

Technotonin Industries is creating an affordable and portable electric wheelchair for better mobility.

Udayaa is a crowdfunding platform dedicated to scaling students' social impact ideas and creating lasting, sustainable impact.

73
applications

\$104k
awarded

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Accessible Care, Everywhere.

A lack of medical establishments can significantly impede healthcare access in developing nations, leading to untreated conditions and preventable complications—a fact that Dr. Sanjiv Gupta (SPH'25), left, learned firsthand. Determined to address these challenges, he first took his ideas to the Innovation Pathway where he developed a solution alongside his co-founder Amita Das and was matched with a mentor.

Together, they created **RxHealthcare**, a startup enhancing healthcare accessibility in developing nations through a digital telemedicine clinic and pharmacy experience.



My first interaction with Innovate@BU was during IDEA Con, and that was when I felt like I was where I belonged.

Don't Buy. BARO.

Emily Mooney (Questrom'25), right, and Allie Reeves, left, loved attending their friends' weddings but loathed the idea of purchasing new formal outfits for each event only to wear them once. To break the cycle of fast fashion, they created BARO, an app that allows users to rent stylish pieces from each other's wardrobes, incentivizing them to invest in durable, high-quality pieces.

Experienced in business and marketing but unfamiliar with the startup world, Allie and Emily applied to the Summer Accelerator to bridge the gap between their academic knowledge and the practical skills needed as founders. BARO recently launched an app on Apple's App Store, with over 1,200 users already renting and borrowing high-quality garments.





Enlight Fellowship

The Enlight fellowship program helps BU students make a difference in their community while building up their entrepreneurial skills during the summer months. Thanks to a generous increase in funding from the Enlight Foundation, participants were awarded a \$10,000 stipend—up from \$5,500 in previous years—to accept unpaid summer internships with local nonprofits and social benefit organizations. The participants also engage in innovation problem-solving with Innovate@BU two days a week.

This year, \$90,000 was awarded to nine students selected from a competitive pool of 83 applications. The members of this year’s cohort represent a diverse range of disciplines and backgrounds, but all are driven by the belief that they can make the world a better place.

This year’s host organizations include:

- ABCD Housing Services
- Brighton Main Streets
- Boston Climate Action Network
- Family Nurturing Center
- The YMCA of Greater Boston

83
applications

\$90k
awarded



Hannah Martin



Cuyler Kahan



Kai Eskel-Greenhalge



Norway Entrepreneurship Summer Program

In June of 2024, 39 students from across Norway joined Innovate@BU in Boston for Gründerskolen Norway, an immersive study in entrepreneurship and innovation administered by the University of Oslo. In addition to the University of Oslo, students represented the Norwegian University of Science and Technology Trondheim, the Norwegian School of Economics, the Norwegian University of Life Sciences, and the Copenhagen Business School.

The program participants choose one of two tracks. In the internship track, students gain invaluable hands-on experience by working with a local startup. In the researchers’ track, students continue to develop their startup plans, learning about the U.S. market, engaging with potential customers, and assessing the competition. All students have the opportunity to explore the Boston innovation ecosystem by participating in networking events at Venture Cafe and mixers with local universities.

When not engaged in work or academic pursuits, the students immerse themselves in American culture and explore the diverse offerings of New England.



Competitions

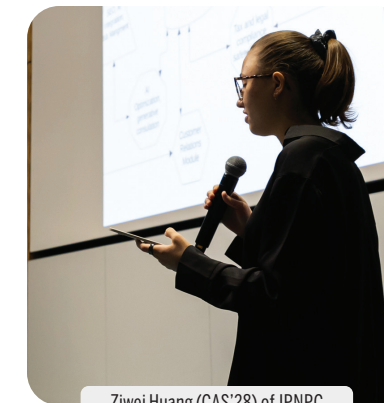
Seventh Annual Cannabis Startup Competition

JoinME won the 2023 Cannabis Startup Competition on November 7, 2023, receiving a \$10,000 prize. The event, hosted by Innovate@BU and Green Lion Partners at The Rajen Kilachand Center for Integrated Life Sciences & Engineering, showcased ancillary cannabis companies led by BU students or alumni. Green Lion Partners was founded by BU alums Jeff Zucker (Questrom'10) and Mike Bologna (Questrom'10).

The finalists, which also included GreenCloud, IPNPC, and Smoking.com, presented their forward-thinking solutions aimed at optimizing operations, promoting sustainability, and enhancing consumer experiences.

JoinME, co-founded by Marco Rotella (Questrom'22) and Claudio Bettini (COM'23), stood out among four finalists for its commitment to fostering a healthier cannabis culture.

The competition was judged by industry experts Jaime Lewis, Kim Napoli, and Dr. Peter Bleyleben.



Ziwei Huang (CAS'28) of IPNPC



Ethan Davidman (Questrom'25) of Smoking.com



Mike Bologna and Jeff Zucker



Judge Jaime Lewis



Sustainability Innovation Seed Grants

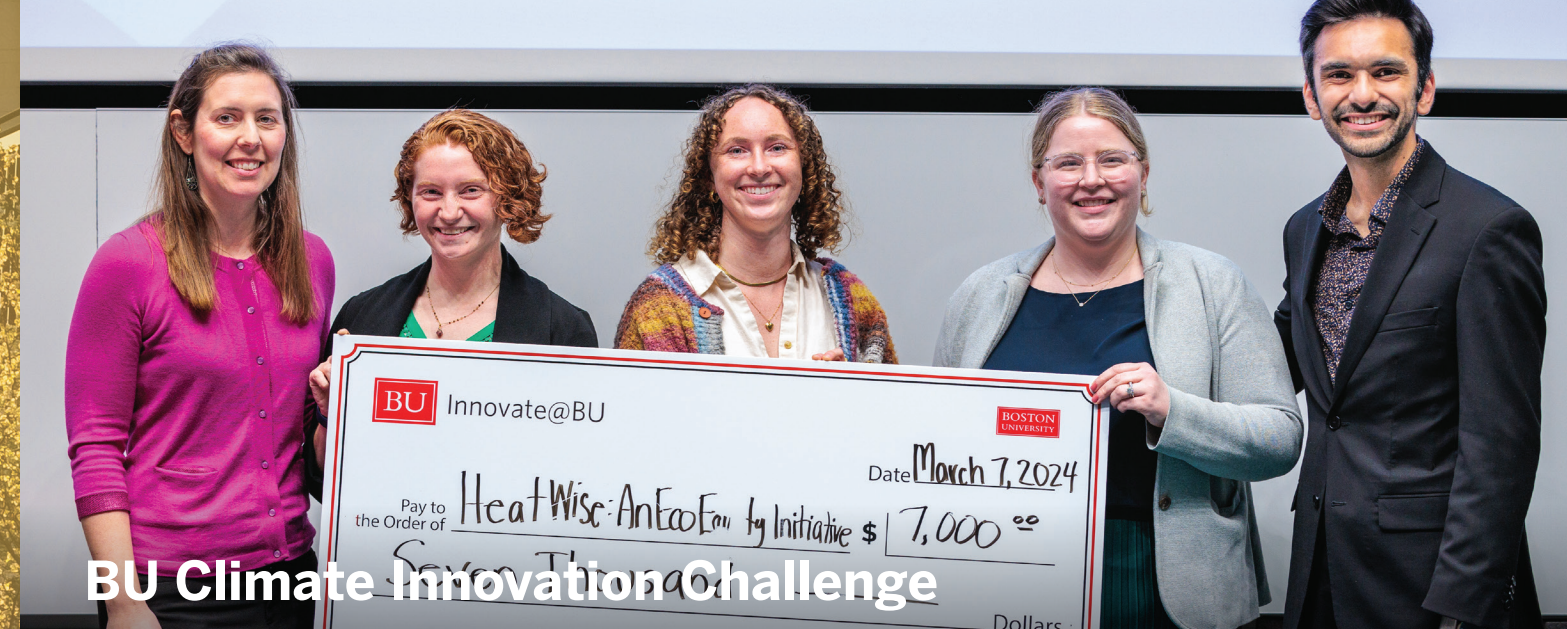
With funding and resources offered by BU Sustainability and Innovate@BU, Sustainability Innovation Seed Grants empower students to kick-start a project or develop an intervention that tackles the leading sustainability challenges facing BU.

This year, seed grants supported a diverse range of student-led-sustainability projects, including 4Rtists, which promotes the reuse of art supplies; GreenFoodx, an app for conscious dining; Idori, an educational initiative teaching children about environmental stewardship; and the Miyawaki Afforestation Project, which aims to create native mini-forests in urban Boston to combat the Urban Heat Island effect.

The founder of the Miyawaki Afforestation Project, Megan Ryder (SPH'25), right, used the seed grant to further develop her idea and went on to win the BU Climate Innovation Challenge.



“What excites me the most in receiving a Sustainability Innovation Seed Grant funding is that I am one step closer to making a small contribution to a Boston community that needs more attention on their quality of life and public green-spaces.”



The Climate Innovation Challenge invited students and recent alums to propose solutions to help Boston face climate change. The competition offered \$15,000 in prizes and provided applicants with professional development, networking, and individual coaching opportunities throughout their journey.

More than a competition, the challenge offered multiple opportunities for students to learn from City of Boston experts throughout the academic year. In addition to traditional workshops and panel discussions, students also took a guided tour of flood zones.

Megan Ryder of HeatWise: An Eco-Equity Initiative, took home the \$7,000 first prize. Idori, WasteWiz, and Eleven58 secured second, third, and fourth places, respectively, for their innovative solutions to sustainability education, waste classification, and recycling efficiency.

The finals were judged by a panel of experts, including Hessann Farooqi (CAS'22) from the Boston Climate Action Network, Miriam Posner Harris, executive vice president of the Environmental League of Massachusetts, Lisa Tornatore from BU Sustainability, and Kate England from the City of Boston's Green Infrastructure department. The moderator was Justin Dynia (Pardee'24).



Idori



Moderator Justin Dynia



Eleven58



HeatWise



WasteWiz





Visilant's Vision for Eye Care in Rural India

Equitable eye care is scarce in low- to middle-income countries, leaving many patients untreated. To address this, Jordan Shuff (MET'25) founded Visilant which utilizes telemedicine and AI to make eye care accessible in rural areas in India. They have recently completed a successful 1,000-patient validation study at Aravind Eye Hospital in Tamil Nadu, the largest eye hospital in the world.

Visilant received \$20,000 in prize money for winning first place in this year's New Venture Competition Social Impact Track, which helped fund an expansion to three additional hospitals. They are now working with the five highest-volume charitable eye hospitals in India.

OpenLake's Winning Strategy? Listen Closely.

As technology advances, businesses struggle to keep up with data management. Milan Tahliani (CAS'24) found this issue during a computer science class and was determined to build a solution. The solution ultimately became the idea for OpenLake, which helps businesses manage data from multiple sources.

After finishing as a semi-finalist in the 2023 New Venture Competition, **OpenLake took the judges' feedback to heart and came back in 2024 to win first place, and \$20,000, in the General Track.** Throughout his journey, Milan used the IDG Capital Student Innovation Center to hold client meetings, including the one where they landed their first paying customer!



New Venture Competition

The New Venture Competition is Innovate@BU's largest annual pitch competition that awards more than \$80,000 to early-stage BU entrepreneurs, helping them transform their ideas into something real.

Multiple rounds of competition reduced the record-breaking 130+ applicants to just 10 finalist teams, who presented their ventures to a panel of judges and an audience of students and community members. The winners were announced at Innovator's Night, Innovate@BU's massive celebration of innovation at BU, where attendees enjoyed the finalists' 1-minute pitches and voted for the Audience Choice awards.

139
applications

\$80.5k
awarded

General Track Finalists

First Prize: OpenLake helps small and medium businesses utilize their data, reducing costs and driving growth.

Second Prize: PerioSense is an electronic dental periodontal probe that revolutionizes how dentists evaluate gum health.

Third Prize: PROMUNCH is a nutrition-dense snack to help complete your daily protein fix.

CipherSonic Labs provides a cloud-based cybersecurity solution for enterprises.

JumperLabs helps engineering students learn design through hands-on project tutorials.



Social Impact Track Finalists

First Prize: Visilant's makes quality eye care accessible globally through mobile AI solutions.

Second Prize: TLW Ozone Solution offers sustainable water treatment solutions for greener industries.

Third Prize: Math Sprouts teaches math fundamentals to toddlers through holistic education.

Connect+ helps first-gen students build resources and networks through peer mentoring.

Metsa connects Indian superfood farmers to markets, promoting sustainable agriculture.

IDEA Con

In partnership with Tufts University, UMass–Lowell, and the University of New Hampshire, Innovate@BU brought together over 450 attendees from diverse backgrounds and institutions across New England, surpassing all previous IDEA Con attendance records.

Attendees engaged with the local entrepreneurial communities, learned from world-class innovation leaders, and witnessed firsthand the significant work being done by Innovate@BU.

The keynote speaker, Jasmine Crowe-Houston, Founder and CEO of Goodr, is combating hunger and food waste. During her talk and conversation with Tamika Francis of Food&Folklore, she shared how she went from preparing food in her kitchen to providing over 30 million meals to those in need and redirecting millions of pounds of materials from landfills to kitchens.



IGNITE Speaker Wesley Block



Emcee Prianna Sharan



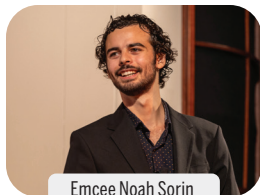
IGNITE Speaker Anushka Singh



Jasmine Crowe-Houston



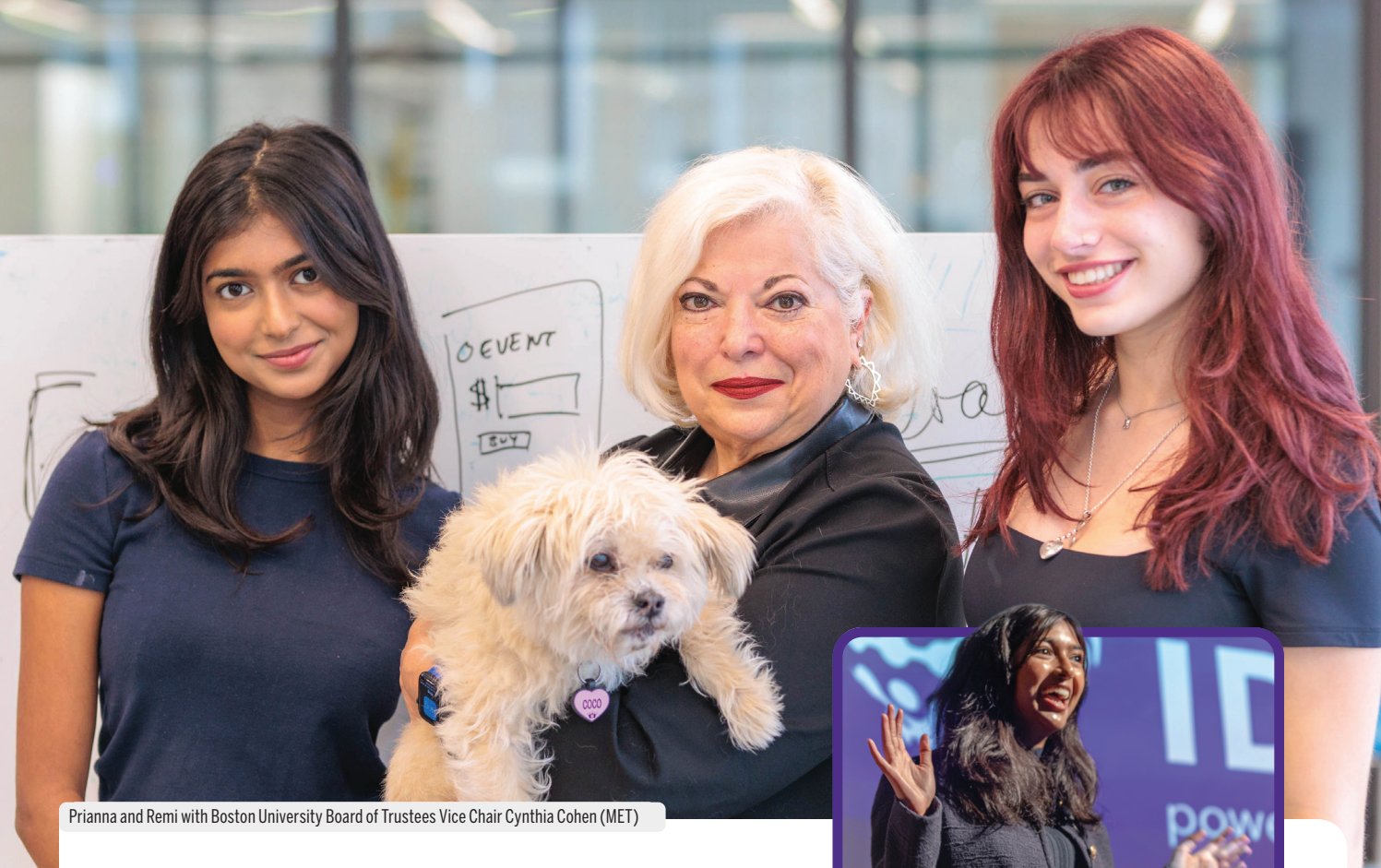
Tamika Francis



Emcee Noah Sorin



Abilities Dance Boston



Prianna and Remi with Boston University Board of Trustees Vice Chair Cynthia Cohen (MET)



Prianna emceeing IDEA Con

Popple's IRL Success

Prianna Sharan (CAS'25) and Remi Chester (Questrom'25) achieved remarkable success with their startup Popple, an app designed to combat loneliness through interest-based, in-person social connections. The co-founders won the Boston University chapter of the Hult Prize Competition which secured them a coveted spot among 900 teams at the global summit in Portugal—emerging from an initial pool of 20,000 competitors.

The team's app facilitates real-world connections by matching users with shared interests and coordinating group events. At the global summit, they gained international exposure and formed strategic partnerships with purpose-driven ventures. "The international perspective was inspiring," noted Remi. "Our biggest takeaway was meeting people from all over the world, and witnessing diverse approaches to universal problems."

Through this journey, Popple strengthened its social mission and community impact focus. "We saw how connecting people can solve bigger issues and create significant impact," reflected Remi.

Success Stories Start Here.

Innovate@BU alumni enter the real world equipped with the skills, funding, and experience they need to thrive.



Brian Zitin (CAS'17) and Will Denslow (Questrom'17) founded **Reggora**, a cloud-based platform that streamlines the home appraisal process for mortgage lenders and appraisers. They have grown to 70+ employees and a \$160M valuation.



Fiza Shaukat (ENG'22), founder of **Patient First.AI**, is focused on enhancing university healthcare services for students. They have over 7,000 students on its platform and recently acquired another university customer.

Ethan Brown (COM'21), founder of the **Sweaty Penguin Podcast**, was named 2024 Emerging Journalist of the Year by Covering Climate Now (CCNow) for his efforts to combat anxiety and polarization in climate change discourse.



Justin Fiaschetti (ENG'21) and Austin Briggs (ENG'21), co-founders of **Inversion Space** have created capsules that retrieve objects from space quickly and have raised over \$10M in funding for their company.



Kevin Tang (Questrom'22), founder of **Cleana**, created the world's first non-electric, automatically closing toilet seat. Their first manufacturing run sold out, and they've secured contracts with major brands like YMCA, Wendy's, MIT, and Innovate@BU.



CrewLab helps volunteer coaches manage athlete performance and wellness by simplifying data from wearables and exercise machines through an easy-to-use app, making sports data accessible and actionable for all teams. Co-founded by Peter Frederick (MET'22), they have closed a funding round of \$1.6M.



Flux Marine is Charting a New (Fully Electric) Course

Founded in 2019 by former Questrom School of Business student Daylin Frantin, Flux Marine specializes in 100% electric outboard motors for small boats. Backed by \$23 million in funding and a team of 45 employees, they focus solely on propulsion systems and battery packs, not hull manufacturing, making them unique in the market.

In partnership with Scout Boats, Flux Marine now offers complete integration packages for boat owners. With higher horsepower than competitors, their electric outboards are setting a new standard for sustainable, high-performance boating.

(Em)powering Underserved Communities

Since 2019, All In Energy has empowered more than 33,000 Massachusetts households to get no-cost home energy assessments and over 1,400 to upgrade their insulation through direct outreach and supporting community partners. Collectively, these actions save residents energy and millions of dollars annually in costs.

Founded by Rouwenna Altemose (Questrom'18), All In Energy promotes climate justice among underserved communities and has provided nearly 100 career-launching job opportunities. Over 50% of these individuals have been women, over 50% BIPOC/Latinx, and over 50% multilingual.



Mentorship

In the 2023-2024 academic year, more than 200+ mentors generously volunteered over 633 hours to support nearly 100+ events and our entire suite of programs. They also offered more than 100 office-hour appointments to our student entrepreneurs.

The Mentor of the Year award was given to Janice Ozguc, who has served as a judge, participated in a variety of events, and mentored teams in the Innovation Pathway.

Experts in Residence



Chris Hope is the founder and executive director of The Loop Lab, a non-profit organization that equips young adults with transferable skills in content creation and audio-video production. Chris holds university lecturer positions at Boston University and has previous experience as an Associate Director of admissions at Year Up, and was the Chief Executive Officer of Equity Intelligence LLC. As the Social Entrepreneur-in-Residence, he mentored students and presented an impactful workshop on Social Impact Storytelling in the Fall semester.



This year, **Justin Kang** served as our Entrepreneur-in-Residence (EiR). Justin is the Co-Founder and General Partner at Visible Hands and former VP of Economic Growth for the Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce. Kang conducted workshops about how to develop an entrepreneurial mindset, offered office hours, and moderated discussions on building a team and supporting under-represented founders. He also served as a judge for a variety of competitions.



As the Managing Director for Golden Seeds, a renowned national angel investment organization focused on early-stage women-led companies, **Sheila Narayan** has been a driving force at Innovate@BU as our inaugural Mentor-in-Residence. Leveraging her two decades of experience in financial technology and payment industries, she mentored five Innovation Pathway teams while also being an accessible resource through office hours and speed mentoring events. Sheila also served as a panelist for the BU Entrepreneurial Womxn event and as a judge for the Social Impact Track of the New Venture Competition.

Innovation in the Curriculum

The Innovation & Entrepreneurship (I&E) minor has been in the top five most popular minors for two years in a row, attracting undergraduates from all majors who seek to develop practical innovation skills and an entrepreneurial mindset. With a flexible curriculum offering more than 70 classes, students can tailor their learning experience to align with their interests in innovation.

Graduates Since the Founding of the Minor



- Hub Co-Curriculars**
Innovate@BU offers three co-curricular courses designed to foster creativity and innovation among students.
- **Starting a Start-up:** Discovering and Validating Innovative Ideas guides students through the innovation pathway, offering tools to transform an idea into a product or service.
 - **How to Launch a Project** equips students with the skills to bring a project idea to life, utilizing the design thinking process for planning and execution.
 - **Community Changemaking in Boston: How to Get Started Pursuing Local Social Causes** immerses students in local social issues, providing the tools to identify innovative solutions to these challenges. This year, the co-curricular was thematically related to the BU Climate Innovation Challenge, which focused on turning innovative ideas into tangible solutions for a climate-resilient Boston.



Class of 2024 I&E Minor Graduates




Vruti Patel



Alum Niva Haber





Innovate@BU doesn't just prepare BU Terriers for the world as it is, but equips them with the mindset to imagine as it could be, and the skills to make it so.

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