HKU DreamCatchers 100K is a seed fund for entrepreneurial and innovative students and young graduates under the age of 35 to kick-start their business ventures. Submissions in ALL areas from business, technology, social innovations, arts and culture to media entrepreneurship are welcome.

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106 Teams Applied  (Deadline in Dec 2016)
52 Students Teams + 57 Alumni Teams
IoT, E-commerce, FinTech, Human Performance and Health, Education, Advertising and Marketing, Hardware etc.

Jan
5-min Preliminary Pitch
For selected teams

Feb
Mentors-Mentees Meetup
Finalists will be assigned with mentors from the industries and entrepreneurship community

Apr
Final Pitch
Finalists will pitch in front of the judges and audience to compete for up to ten HK$100,000 awards

ORGANISERS

The University of Hong Kong Development & Alumni Affairs Office
The University of Hong Kong Technology Transfer Office
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Mentors • Investors • Venture Capitalists • Young Entrepreneurs - 2017
Final Pitch in August:
18 teams pitched for ten HK$100,000 awards

"If you haven't won, come back and prove us wrong. It is very important to see the connection between research, technologies, businesses and the community as well as their impact."

Professor Andy Hor
Vice-President and Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Research), HKU

"DreamCatchers provides a platform for students to learn and stretch their potential. This is an extremely valuable learning process for everyone of them."

The Hon Mrs Fanny Law
Chairperson of Hong Kong Science & Technology Parks Corporation

"I think quite a lot of the pitches I saw today reach the standard of VCs, CoCoon and in the commercial world where people really pitch for investments. I think the teams are doing a really good job.

Theodore Ma
Director of MaBelle Jewellery Co. Ltd; Co-founder of CoCoon"

"It is fantastic to see a lot of concepts and projects helping people who are disabled and underprivileged. And Sino Group would like to connect to those teams to follow up."

Daryl Ng
Executive Director, Sino Land Company Limited
Smileybox

“Smileybox provides personalised educational toys and services for children through annual rental and purchase plans.”

Person-in-charge: Han Sung II, Thomas 韓盛一 (BEng 2016; BBA Year 4)

DNA Replicator

“To provide an affordable and portable biotech device in schools for STEM education.”

Person-in-charge: So Hon Fai, Danny 蘇漢輝 (BSc 2010; MPhil 2013; Ph.D Year 4)

MedEXO Robotics

“Wearable Soft Robotic Device for Healthcare.”

Person-in-charge: Yin Fan Dennis Huen 楊燕勤 (MPhil 2016)

Recipio

“A retail technology enterprise, specialising in providing digital receipt solutions to help retailers in boosting sales, lowering costs and tracking reduced carbon footprint, while reducing the hassle of receipts’ storage and sorting for customers. Digital receipts will be a new digital marketing channel for retailers to engage customers.”

Person-in-charge: Chan Yin Fan 陳彥勤 (BBA(IBGM), 2016)

Movabar

“A Platform (Web & App) and System for Off-Site Food & Beverages (F&B) Catering Services.”

Person-in-charge: Cheung Hoi Kwan Dennis 張凱健 (BA(ArchStud) 2009; MSc(ContProjectMan) Year 3)

Recipio was selected to join the Hong Kong X Technology Incubation Programme after the final pitch.
Motion

“To enable an affordable solution for self-contained motion tracking and sports training for the general public and professionals alike.”

Person-in-charge:
Carlos Ma 馬嘉樂
(PhD Year 4)

Roots Food Co

“An online platform and e-commerce shop connecting traditional local food makers with modern food explorers.”

Person-in-charge:
Danielle Leann Chin 陳穎熹
(BA 2014)

Living Tissues Company Limited

“To develop an automated system to fabricate cartilage from stem cells and biomaterial for repair in-house with minimal human interference.”

Person-in-charge:
Chik Tsz Kit, Daniel 池子偉
(BEng(MedE) 2007, PhD 2012)

Conzeb

“To build a fully automated instrumentation for easy and simple cancer screening.”

Person-in-charge:
Lau Kam Song, Andy 劉金成
(BEng(MedE) 2010, PhD 2015)

Winner of Qianhai Shenzhen-Hongkong Innovative Start-Ups Competition (awarded with HK$180,000) in December, 2016

Chillazy

“A hammock lounge for working people to take a rest during the day.”

Person-in-charge:
Lee Kin Hei, Keevin 李建曦
(BBA(Acc&Fin) 2012)
YOUNG ENTREPRENEURS TAKING OFF

"I joined the DreamCatchers forum 2015 when I was a Year 1 student. Although we failed to win, we enjoyed the experience and learnt a lot from the process. And we will never give up our dream.

-Coinchanger"

"The Mentorship programme brings us closer to the real industry and chances to learn from practitioners.

-Movabar"

"Our mentor gives us lots of advices and it is great that we are invited to work with his fintech company.

-Recipio"

Congratulations!

Snapask, founded by our science alumnus Timothy Yu (BSc 2012), has recently raised US$3M additional funding to move the startup company forward.

Snapask is one of the companies of Technology Start-up Support Scheme for Universities (TSSSU) at HKU. Timothy is the founder of HKU Alumni Entrepreneurship Club (HKUAEC) which has been a partner of HKU DreamCatchers. He was selected for the "Forbes 30 Under 30 Asia" list earlier this year.

Snapask is a mobile app for on-demand homework help which has over 150,000 students across Asia subscribing it. It now has a valuation of over HK$100M and operates in Hong Kong, Singapore and Taiwan. The upcoming plan is to expand the business to other markets including Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand and Vietnam.
MedTech Hackathon

Co-organised by The University of Hong Kong and Hong Kong Science and Technology Parks Corporation

During the week of June 24-30, students from Stanford University and Hong Kong universities, and young professionals from HKSTP learnt about Stanford Biodesign methodologies, design thinking, business model canvas principle, and worked in teams to come up with prototypes of healthcare solutions with the use of technology.

40 Participants
32 Mentors
8 Unmet medical needs
5 Lectures

Hackathon was led by 5 leaders:

**Dr Robert Chang**
Stanford University Medical Center

**Dr Carrie Ling**
Hong Kong Science and Technology Parks Corporation

**Dr Hayden So**
The University of Hong Kong

**Lily Truong**
Clear Ear (spin-off from Stanford University)

**Dr Ian Y H Wong**
The University of Hong Kong

**Champion**
iDrop
To improve the ease of eye drop application in elderly patients to increase eye drop compliance.

**1st Runner-up**
XX Enterprises
To significantly reduce menstrual pain in women in a discreet manner.

**2nd Runner-up**
CareX
To reduce the frequency of catheter replacement to improve the patient's experience and reduce labour required.

Highlights Video on Youtube: