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Resources for Startups

Business Plan Competitions:

A great way to raise funds and get feedback on your venture is by competing in business plan competitions. You can enter in almost any university's competition and increase your chances!

- ✓ MIT: <http://www.mit100k.org/>
 - ✓ Babson: <http://www3.babson.edu/ESHIP/outreach-events/bplancompetitions.cfm>
 - ✓ Boston University: <http://www.bu.edu/entrepreneurship/bizplan.htm>
 - ✓ BMEidea Competition: <http://www.nciia.org/bmeidea/>
 - ✓ National Business Plan Directory:
<http://www.smallbusinessnotes.com/planning/competitions.html>
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Incubators:

For startups seeking unparalleled resources, mentorship and working capital, incubators are the way to go. Many incubators will provide between \$10-25K, personal connections and a place to work in exchange for a 4-8% share of your company. Below are incubators still open for this summer; many more opportunities are opening up all the time so stay on the look out!

- ✓ TechStars. Boulder, CO. (<http://www.techstars.org/>) Applications due March 31st.
- ✓ YCombinator. Cambridge, MA (<http://www.ycombinator.com/>) Application due April 2nd.
- ✓ Summer Entrepreneurship @ Highland Venture Capital. Lexington, MA (<http://www.hcp.com/summer/>).

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Organizations and Networks:

- ✓ TECH: Technology and Entrepreneurship Center at Harvard
<http://tech.seas.harvard.edu/home>
 - ✓ StudentBusinesses.com: Free Online Entrepreneurial Networking
<http://studentbusinesses.com/>
 - ✓ National Collegiate Inventors Alliance: TECH sponsors Harvard membership to the NCIIA
<http://www.nciia.org/>
 - ✓ C-E-O: Collegiate Entrepreneur's Organization
<http://www.c-e-o.org/>
 - ✓ ENET: Boston's Entrepreneurs' Network
<http://www.boston-enet.org/>
 - ✓ TENOnline.org: The Entrepreneur Network
<http://tenonline.org/index.html>
 - ✓ SCORE: Counselors to America's Small Businesses
<http://www.score.org/index.html>
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Foundations:

- ✓ The Coleman Foundation: Funding Entrepreneurship Education
<http://www.colemanfoundation.org/>
 - ✓ The Lemelson Foundation: Supporting Entrepreneurs and Inventors
<http://www.lemelson.org/home/index.php>
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