



# EMPOWERING THE NEXT GENERATION

## THE INAUGURAL JOURNEY BEGINS

The first-ever SharkMakers Next Gen Collegiate cohort is officially here! **Twenty teams stepped forward** with ideas and the courage to turn them into something real. **Fourteen teams, 34 student innovators have been selected** to move forward and take the inaugural SharkMakers collegiate journey. They are ready to build!

**Oct 2<sup>nd</sup>, we kick things off at USF** and the real work begins. Over the next three months these students will challenge assumptions, validate real problems, understand their customers, develop their products, build the business behind their ideas and learn how to pitch with confidence. Pure experiential entrepreneurship learning..

**MEET THE INAUGURAL 14:** *Access • Assisted Reproduction / Andrology Platform • Climate Teach-In Organization • Halten • Held Space • Locana • LuTEA • Undecided • Opero • Tessera Park • Tortagua • Trackin (TRKN) • Uarateam • Verdant*

Congratulations to our inaugural SharkMakers Next Gen teams. We are excited to see your ideas come to life!



These teams are competing for  
**\$7,000 IN CASH AWARDS**  
1st Place \$4,000 | 2nd Place \$2,000 | 3rd Place \$1,000

### SharkMakers NextGen Collegiate Program Schedule:

September 23 – Application Deadline  
October 2 – Kickoff @ USF  
October 8 – Workshop 1 @ USF  
October 16 – Workshop 2 @ USF  
October 21 – Workshop 3 @ USF  
October 30 – @ USF  
November 20 – @ USF  
December 8 – Final Pitches & Awards Ceremony @ Accenture



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For event updates, student founder spotlights, and workshop reminders follow SharkMakers NextGen on IG

## The Next Wave

Our collegiate Sharks are getting started, and our next wave isn't far behind. **HIGH SCHOOL SHARKMAKERS** 🐡



November happenings for the 2026–27 High School season:  
NOV 5 - **Money Smart Community Event** hosted by JP Morgan  
NOV 10 - High School **Mentor Kick-Off** | 6–8 PM

### SHARKMAKERS SECRET SAUCE

Behind every SharkMakers team are industry professionals willing to share what they know, challenge the students to think bigger and bring the real world into the room. To our returning mentors, welcome back. To those joining us for the first time, welcome to the SharkMakers family.

We are always looking for more professionals who want to share their experience and help shape what's next.

**READY TO MAKE AN IMPACT?  
BECOME A SHARKMAKERS MENTOR.**



**To prospective participants and mentors:**  
*What are you waiting for?*



HS Student  
Pre-Season Events



Mentor  
Registration

## Become a part of SharkMakers!



**By investing in SharkMakers,** you are giving students real-world business experience, igniting their creativity, and empowering them to turn bold ideas into action. Together, we are shaping the changemakers of tomorrow.

## OCTOBER HOLIDAY SPOTLIGHTS

