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**The Berkeley MFE**  
Master of Financial Engineering

## **Call for Student Activity and Event Proposals** **Blockchain Initiative**

**Institute for Business & Social Impact & Masters in Financial Engineering**

### **Proposal Submission Opens November 12th, 2018**

Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis until March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019 for the 2018-19 academic year. Applications for fall semester 2019 will open April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019. Funding decisions will be made as applications are received.

**Proposal Submission:** Submit all requested information through this [google form](#).

Any supporting documents that cannot be transmitted through the form may be emailed to [IBSI@haas.berkeley.edu](mailto:IBSI@haas.berkeley.edu) with subject line “Blockchain Initiative Proposal 2018”

For student research proposals refer to our [research proposal call document](#).

**Call for Proposals:** Berkeley-Haas has been awarded a multi-year, multi-million-dollar grant from Ripple, a growing company in the emerging blockchain industry, to support research, courses and student activities in blockchain, cryptocurrency and digital payments. The grant will be housed in the Institute for Business and Social Impact (IBSI) working in collaboration with the Masters of Financial Engineering (MFE) program at Berkeley-Haas. The grant will fund faculty and student research, experiential learning, activities and related events across the Berkeley campus, including Engineering, the Law School, School of Information, etc.

This year IBSI will award grants to UC Berkeley students, student organizations or student groups (should be recognized by [ASUC](#). If you are not recognized by ASUC, the name of a sponsoring faculty or staff member must be included on your application) to support experiential learning, activities and events in the following areas:

- a. Blockchain and distributed systems.
- b. Cryptocurrency and digital payments.
- c. Cryptography, particularly as it relates to the above topics.

d. Related subject areas such as blockchain for economic development and global financial inclusion will also be considered.

- Funding is available for **event support** such as conferences, roundtables, and speaker series in the above subject areas.
- Funding is available for **experiential learning/applied research** such as field work, internships and direct related-expenses (travel, housing,etc) in the above subject areas.
- Funding is available for **student activities** such as competitions, pitch nights, prizes and guest speakers.

IBSI is requesting proposals for awards of \$250-\$5,000. Please include all budget items for which funding is being requested under the appropriate category. Include cost/item, total amount/items requested and justification. Please be as detailed as possible.

Under exceptional circumstances, IBSI will fund activities beyond the \$5,000 maximum allotment. If you'd like to be considered for additional funding, please indicate the amount requested.

Funded projects must begin in the current semester or following semester from when funds are received. Student projects must be completed within **one year** of their start date.

A one-page report of how funds were used will be required within one year of start date.

Please contact [IBSI@Haas.berkeley.edu](mailto:IBSI@Haas.berkeley.edu) with any questions.