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COMPETITION TRACKS

- **Business Products & Services**
  - First Place: $10K
  - Second Place: $5K

- **Life Sciences**
  - First Place: $10K
  - Second Place: $5K

- **Consumer Products**
  - First Place: $20K
  - Second Place: $5K

- **Social Enterprise**
  - First Place: $10K
  - Second Place: $5K

- **Consumer Services**
  - First Place: $10K
  - Second Place: $5K

- **Grand Prize**: $20K
- **Runner Up Prize**: $5K
- **In-kind Prizes**
2 GRAND PRIZE WINNERS!

$100,000 in CASH awarded to teams

354 NVC participants

88 Concept Papers

50 Semi Finalists

10 Finalists

50 coaches

54 judges

UCI Paul Merage School of Business
TRACK AWARD WINNERS!
First Place

Business Products & Services

Everyday technology that pairs people with the best foods for their dietary preferences while helping restaurants' raise revenues by 10% with the use of menu management and allergen/nutrition analyses.
EmpowerMi is a technology-driven mental wellness platform that empowers users with a holistic approach to mental wellbeing.
HAI offers sustainable and fashionable jewelry for consumers who are looking for attractive and high-quality products that match their passion for eco-friendly lifestyle.
GaleGauge is a golf training tool that uses live wind, temperature, and distance data to calculate how you need to adjust your swing to the elements to sink the perfect shot.
Noveil is the first dating platform for Gen Z college students with no profiles and no swipes, and we increase the number of matches and in-person dates a user receives.
Our mission is to improve the healthcare experience for patients by empowering them to take back control over their health record data with a simple mobile application that "just works."
forMED offers patients and doctors an at-home, non-contact IOP monitoring system that measures eye pressure daily to ensure medication effectiveness and prevent blindness.
Sayenza Biosciences is a medical device company developing the industry’s first fully-automated platform for the processing of liposuction fat, the largest source of adult stem cells in the body, for limitless point-of-care aesthetic and regenerative medicine applications.
Blue Aqua Food Tech, is developing an alternative protein for fish feed to help solve the global issue of fishmeal shortages and food waste mismanagement with the use of insects.
Enjovu Paper is a sustainable paper-making brand creating products with regenerated fibers from elephant feces and aiming to lessen the environmental impact of paper production and raise awareness for the endangered wild elephants worldwide.
PARTICIPANT TESTIMONIALS

"New Venture Competition is the perfect gift for my undergrad year at UCI. I gained a lot of knowledge about entrepreneurship and valuable friendships with brilliant minds! This is the rewarding and unforgettable journey for me at UCI!"

"For a long time, I've had ideas that just sat in my head. It wasn't until SZNVC provided the platform to showcase these ideas, that I finally turned thoughts into actions. It was a wonderful exercise in starting a business from scratch and I met a ton of awesome people along the way!"

"It is an amazing opportunity for young entrepreneurs like us to learn and test our business idea."
DATA REPORT
## Participants: Majors represented

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*Based on available data from 2019-2022*
2022: Highest # of UCI Graduate Students and large # of Undergrad Students

Categories represented:
- UCI Graduate students
- UCI Undergraduates
- UCI Faculty/Staff
- Community
- Student at Another University

Significant Highlight:
- UCI Graduate students, UCI Undergraduates, UCI Faculty/Staff, Community, Student at Another University

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Concept Paper Score Avgs. (By Track)

Positive trend

Average scores increased in every track from 2019 to 2022.
Average scores increased year-after-year in almost every track.
74 NVC teams
Have gone to Wayfinder

~33.52%

Of Wayfinder teams come from NVC
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