

Darden Strategic Competition Initiative

The Batten Institute funds student travel to competitions focused on entrepreneurship and innovation through the Darden Strategic Competition Initiative (DSCI). Funds are most readily available for start-up pitch competitions for a venture a student is actively involved in launching. Students can apply by providing the information detailed below via email to MJ Toms Tomsm@darden.virginia.edu .

Submission - Guidelines

Funds are provided via expense reimbursement for flights, train tickets, and/or hotel. Student financial aid may be impacted by any grants provided. All support will be awarded through the SIS.

Students will be required to submit receipts and fill out a reimbursement form.

Reimbursement will be considered only for competitions around Innovation and entrepreneurship that are sponsored by well recognized organizations.

Funds are not available for travel to or registration for conferences. Limited funds are available and will be allocated on a first-come first-severed basis through the academic year.

Submission - Required Information

1. Official name of competition
2. Sponsor(s)/host (institution, organization or company)
3. Location (city, state, country) and Dates
4. Budget estimate (application fees, travel, accommodations)
5. Team member names (indicate affiliation for both Darden and non-Darden team members)
6. Structure of competition: on-line and semi-final round, by invitation only, school picks team to send, etc.
7. URL link to competition information online or contact name and phone number