If you’re at this point in your entrepreneurial journey, you’ve already built your team, fleshed out your concept, and may even have a working proto-type for your venture – and if not then you might want to consider looking at some of the other handouts in this series. Many student entrepreneurs feel that the main barrier to launching their business or product is a lack of funding. Well, the entrepreneurial ecosystem here on campus has the resources to help you get that initial funding to hit the ground running.

**Innovate Blue:** http://ow.ly/MEYKc
Innovate Blue is proud to **support and sponsor** student organizations, student ventures, and events promoting entrepreneurship at the University of Michigan.

**Dare to Dream:** http://goo.gl/a3FPrQ
Dare to Dream is a grant program that moves students through the business creation process by **offering business development seminars and awarding $500-$5,000 in grants** to individuals and/or student teams. The program requires students to submit deliverables as they are guided through the business development path from a nascent idea to formulating and assessing potential businesses to planning and launching these businesses.

**Barger Leadership Institute Student Projects and Grants:** http://goo.gl/pNHtOZ
BLI Student Project funding is intended to (1) stimulate learning about leadership through practice, (2) encourage and support student initiative, and (3) seed innovative projects that will contribute to the Institute, campus community, and/or society. BLI Student Project funding provides BLI-affiliated students with grants up to $1,500 and other forms of **support to launch medium to long-term team projects** that address issues about which they are passionate.

**Marcel Gani Internships Program:** http://goo.gl/gDHcuY
The Marcel Gani Internship program helps start-up companies and venture capital firms hire Ross School of Business students for a 12-week hands-on work experience. This program gives students the opportunity to develop their entrepreneurial skills by accelerating the advancement of the host company. The student-initiated and self-hosted internships offer the opportunity for students to find a host company at which they wish to intern or to work on moving forward their own start-up over the summer.

**CFE Jumpstart Grants:** http://goo.gl/IfTnC2
The Provost-Funded CFE Jump Start Grants **provide financial support to students** to help them achieve their entrepreneurial ambitions and develop their entrepreneurial skills and ideas. Check their website for information on when the next round of funding starts!

**Innovation in Action:** http://goo.gl/G1iGCP
The Innovation in Action: Solutions to Public Health Challenges competition harnesses the talents of Michigan students to address public health problems. Within this framework, the program equips students with an innovator’s toolkit in a supportive environment where they combine these skills with their creativity and passion to impact the public’s health.

**optiMize Social Innovation Challenge:** http://goo.gl/TFDokU
The optiMize Social Innovation Challenge allows for multidisciplinary student teams develop ideas to make the world better into real, implementable projects. OptiMize is a platform for student to start taking action towards solving real world problems.

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