**Hadley Institute for the Blind and Visually Impaired**, [Forsythe Center for Employment and Entrepreneurship](http://www.hadley.edu/fce.asp) (FCE) is launching its 2nd annual **New Venture Competition**

Hadley is inviting new, current or recent FCE students to submit their business plans for a startup venture for a chance to win cash awards totaling up to $30,000. Entrants must have enrolled in at least one FCE module for consideration of their business plan. However, it’s not too late to *become* an FCE student and participate in the competition. A module can be completed in a matter of hours.

“We are thrilled to once again help support the launch of new businesses in this fun, exciting way,” said Colleen Wunderlich,Director, Hadley FCE. “Last year we awarded over $27,000 to three businesses that are continuing to grow. We look forward to once again helping our students turn their product or service idea into a real business.”

Contestants will need to move quickly, though, as the entry period ends when the clock strikes 11:59 pm CST on March 15, 2017. Winners will be recognized and receive their awards at the 2017 semiannual meeting of the Hadley Board of Trustees on June 8, 2017.

New FCE students must provide proof of legal blindness from a physician before enrolling in an FCE course. Participation and submission rules can be found at [hadley.edu/nvc.](http://www.Hadley.edu/nvc) To enroll in the FCE, please visit [Hadley.edu/FCE](http://www.hadley.edu/FCE.asp) or call Student Services at 800-526-9909.