ELIGIBILITY

Ventures

- The competition is for new, independent ventures in the seed, start-up, or early growth stages. An existing business is eligible only if, as of 11:59 p.m. on December 31, 2015, it has received less than $25,000 in funding and has earned less than $100,000 in gross revenue.
- Ventures need to have a sustainable revenue model. Traditional non-profits, where fundraising is the only or main source of revenue, are not eligible for participation.

Team Members

- **Eligible team members**: any undergraduate student who is currently matriculating at Smith College or currently enrolled in a degree program at one of the participating colleges or universities.
- Graduate students and non-students may be members of the venture's management team and may participate in planning the venture. However, only Eligible Team Members may participate in any competition activities.

Team Leader

- Each team must have an eligible team member who will serve as the Team Leader.
- The Team Leader must have played a significant role in conceiving the venture and be a currently matriculating female undergraduate from a participating institution.
- Only female team members may interact with the Competition Judges during the Trade Show Expo and deliver the 90-second pitch to Competition Judges.

Team Size

There are no restrictions on the number of team members. A solo venture submitted by an individual eligible team member constitutes a team. Eligible team members may participate on more than one team and/or submit more than one proposal.

Faculty Sponsor

Each team MUST provide contact information for a faculty adviser at their school. Faculty advisers are welcomed but not required to be present at Smith College on Competition Day.