

Full list of prizes awarded for the 2024 Cozad New Venture Challenge



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Team leads are listed after the team name.

FUNDING & CASH PRIZES

Top Placement Prizes (\$150,000 total)

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Grand Prize Winner | \$50,000

Pathlit (Advay Gupta)

Second Place | \$35,000

AUVI (Richie Li)

Third Place | \$25,000

ClimeCast (Raj Amalakanti)

Finalist Prizes | \$10,000 each

AmnioSense (Tessabella Magliochetti)

BYLD Innovations (Karan Jain)

Cote Privacy (Shriya Srikanth)

Provenance Security (Akul Goyal)

Rural Health Innovation Prizes (\$30,000 total)

Sponsored by the Barkmeier Tice Rural Health Innovation Fund at Carle Health Center for Philanthropy

\$7,500 - 1st Place

AUVI (Richie Li)

\$7,500 - 2nd Place

AmnioSense (Tessabella Magliochetti)

\$5,000 - 3rd Place

Atlas Neurosurgical Navigation
(Alexander Smith)

\$5,000 - 4th Place

AutoPap (Mohammadreza Ghaderinia)

\$5,000 - 5th Place

VENA (Jaliya Tehan Dassanayaka)

Health Innovation Prizes (\$25,000 total)

Sponsored by the Carle Illinois College of Medicine

\$10,000

CAPSLocks (Mahima Goel)

\$7,500

AmnioSense (Tessabella Magliochetti)

\$5,000

LapSonix (Debora Nya)

\$2,500

AUVI (Richie Li)

Business & Engineering Partnership Prizes (\$25,000 total)

Sponsored by Rick and Gayle Landuyt

\$5,000 each

AristAI (Jiheng Jing)

AUVI (Richie Li)

CapCount (Charlie Plonski)

Cote Privacy (Shriya Srikanth)

Methafarm (Aman Mehta)

Grainger Engineering Cozad Prize (\$25,000 total)

Sponsored by The Grainger Foundation

\$5,000 each

AristAI (Jiheng Jing)

ClimeCast (Raj Amalakanti)

Meta Frazo (Shrikar Lekkala)

Methafarm (Aman Mehta)

Pathlit (Advay Gupta)

Advancement in Sports Medicine (\$20,000 total)

*Sponsored by the Henry Dale & Betty Smith
Sports Medicine Innovation Fund*

\$10,000

AMELIA: Automated Lower Extremity
Rehabilitation Machine (Justin Kim)

\$6,000

FaMe: Fall Management in Wheelchair
(Andreanna Eline Tangonan)

\$4,000

ElectroKare (Mitchell Leshchiner)

AWARE Prizes (\$20,000 total)

Sponsored by Craig & Sabrina Vodnik

\$1,000 each

ActiveCard (Vasu Chalasani)
Craft-A-Lotta (Madeline Rodriguez)
LapSonix (Debora Nya)
Luminous (Justin Huynh)
Resolv (William Lawson)

\$500 each

ACL Shield (Sydni Towe)
AicademiQ (Siyuan Huang)
Allerton (Amanda Bacon)
AspirVent (Aashka Shah)
Breast Cancer Project (Megha Agrawal)
Cervicare (Nellie Haug)
Crackdown (Sofia Cesarone)
CurbScout (Jaelyn Evans)
Cykl (Sophia Grabis)
DefEndo (Kyra Hulse)
FaMe: Fall Management in Wheelchair
(Andreanna Eline Tangonan)
FuelGo (Jack Dayan)
FURSA (Ethar Hussein)
Highway Collective (Kriti Gangaharan)
Karma Circle (Sanya Sharma)
livewalk (Ifesi Onubogu)
MySight (Rachel Tessem)
PhD2Industry (Ximin Piao)
PINATA (Skye Shepherd)
Project SafeCath (Keya Patel)
PulmoPlay (Emily Edwards)

Radiant Looms (Ananie Tigranyan)
RADical Solutions (Maria Bedersun)
Roomiversity (Caroline Azzo)
RxMind (Radhika Duvvuri)
Sensiboo (Edgar Mejia)
sliks (Ami Choudha)
Talenta (Azhura Himmatana Viandyra)

\$250

Bibliotag (Sofia Vartic)
RiffleBeat (Xueying Li)
Saathi (Riddhi Chauhan)
Salvage (Jona Kerluku)

Commitment to Entrepreneurship Prizes (\$14,500 total)

Sponsored by the Hoveida Family Foundation

\$1,000

BoBo (Liam McBride)

\$750

ActiveCard (Vasu Chalasani)
Cykl (Sophie Grabis)
MySight (Rachel Tessem)
Renova Kidney Perfusion System
(Connor Oltman)

\$500

Capella (Chintan Vajariya)
Craft-A-Lotta (Madeline Rodriguez)
Fledge (Tony Wei)
livewalk (Ifesi Onubogu)
Luminous (Justin Huynh)
Radiant Looms (Annie Tigranyan)
Resolv (William Lawson)
SkillPool (Soumil Rathi)
Talenta (Azhura Himmatana Viandyra)

\$250

Abode (Adarsh Dayalan)
Allerton (Amanda Bacon)
Aspirvent (Aashka Shah)
BrainStorm (Aiman Naqui)
Breast Cancer Project (Megha Agrawal)
ChatCAD (Hrishikesh Kalyanaraman)
CurbScout (Jaelyn Evans)
DefEndo (Kyra Hulse)
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FuelGo (Jack Dayan)
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MenoPatch (David Krist)
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PINATA (Skye Shepherd)
RADical Solutions (Maria Bedersun)
Roomiversity (Caroline Azzo)
Sensiboo (Edgar Mejia)
SeriesFarm (Alec Thompson)
sliks (Ami Choudha)
TunedIn (Rohan Sreenivasan)

Dr. Paul Magelli Innovation Award (\$10,000)

Sponsored by Illinois Ventures

ClimeCast (Raj Amalakanti)

Innovate & Iterate Prototyping Microgrants (\$5,500 total)

*Sponsored by Cozad alum and OrangeQC
founder Matt Gornick*

\$1,500

CAPSLocks (Mahima Goel)

\$1,000

Omnipher (Nicholas Militello)

\$750

LapSonix (Debora Nya)

\$250 each

AMELIA: Automated Lower Extremity
Rehabilitation Machine (Justin Kim)
AVEA Robotics (Aryan Indarapu)
FaMe: Fall Management in Wheelchair
(Andreanna Elline Tangonan)
NIRolytics (Richard Um)
PneuGuard (Jason Robinson)
Stethopy (Eric Wang)
TerraVortex (Aaditya Voruganti)

\$100 each

ACL Shield (Sydni Towe)
Bottom of the Bottle (Keshat Mehra)
MobiBoost (Advitya Singhal)
Peregrine Hanger (Sean Yesko)
VoltGuard (Tobias Wimmer)

Global Impact Award (\$5,000)

Sponsored by Jaime Djuhar

Jeevatva (Sakshi Vaya)

Finals Best Pitch (\$5,000)

Sponsored by Cozad Asset Management

ClimeCast (Raj Amalakanti)

Ag Innovation Prize (\$2,500)

Sponsored by the Edwin Moore Family

Methafarm (Aman Mehta)

Finals Audience Favorite (\$1,000)

Sponsored by the Hoveida Foundation

AUVI (Richie Li)

Demo Day Best Pitch Prize (\$500)

Sponsored by Cozad Asset Management

VENA (Jaliya Tehan Dassanayaka)

Demo Day Out of The Box Thinking Prize (\$500)

Sponsored by the Hoveida Family Foundation

Geni (Philip Montgomery)

Social Impact Prize (\$500)

Sponsored by the Hoveida Family Foundation

FaMe: Fall Management in Wheelchair
(Andreana Elline Tangonan)

Healthcare Prize of \$500 and Healthcare Consulting

Sponsored by Dr. A. L. Jones

MobiBoost (Advitya Singhal)

IN-KIND PRIZES

Intellectual Property Clinic Services (Valued at \$148,000)

Sponsored by the College of Law. The IP Clinic runs under the supervision of Prof. Joe Barich.

Trademark Assistance (valued at \$2,500 each)

Abode (Adarsh Dayalan)
AicademiQ (Siyuan Huang)
Bibliotag (Sofia Vartic)
CAPSLocks (Mahima Goel)
CareCryptX
Career Market (jungbin Lee)
Cognautica Motivation (Rishab Vivekanandh)
Crackdown (Sofia Cesarone)
Cruizin'
Cureloid (Ruidi Huang)
Highway Collective (Kriti Gangadharan)
Electrokare (Mitchell Leshchiner)
Ember Energy Cafe (Aryan Aggarwal)
Fledge (Tony Wei)
FuelGo (Jack Dayan)
FURSA (Ethar Hussein)
GRAZE Anatomy Kitchen (Brian Mehdian)
Highway Collective (Kriti Gangadharan)
Hylp (Divit Patel)
KalyaanKosh (Kushagra Gupta)
LapSonix (Debora Nya)
livewalk (Ifesi Onubogu)
MenoPatch (David Krist)
MobiBoost (Advitya Singhal)
MySight (Rachael Tessem)
NIRolytics (Richard Um)
NoteMarket
Omnipher (Nicholas Militello)
Radiant Looms (Annie Tigranyan)
Roomiversity (Caroline Azzo)
SafeR with FRIENDS (Ishaan Chamoli)
Sensiboo (Edgar Mejia)
sliks (Ami Choudha)
Soul Voyage (Gaurav Srivastava)
spndmate (Suyash Nagumalli)
TunedIn (Rohan Sreenivasan)
unity motion collective (Josh Noa)
Vial (Krishna Rama Rao)
Velocity Quant Trading (Ryed Badr)
Volt Guard (Tobias Wimmer)

Patent Assistance (valued at \$12,000 each)

Calisone Sondo
LapSonix (Debora Nya)
Luminous (Justin Huynh)
MenoPatch (David Krist)

mHub Co-Working Membership (Valued at \$9,045)

Sponsored by mHub

AmnioSense (Tessabella Magliochetti)
AUVI (Richie Li)
BYLD Innovations (Karan Jain)

TechNexus TeamWorking Space (Valued at \$16,000)

Sponsored by TechNexus

Pathlit (Advay Gupta)

EnterpriseWorks Student Startup Tenancy Prize (Valued at \$7,200)

Sponsored by EnterpriseWorks at the Research Park

\$1,200 worth of services each

AmnioSense (Tessabella Magliochetti)
AVEA Robotics (Aryan Indarapu)
ClimeCast (Raj Amalakanti)
MedTerms (Dipankar Yettapu)
Pathlit (Advay Gupta)
Radiant Looms (Annie Tigranyan)

Legal Services (Valued at \$15,000)

Sponsored by Cooley LLP

\$5,000 worth of legal services each

Pathlit (Advay Gupta)
AUVI (Richie Li)
ClimeCast (Raj Amalakanti)

Legal Services (Valued at \$9,600)

Sponsored by Singleton Law Firm

\$1,200 worth of legal services each

AmnioSense (Tessabella Magliochetti)
CAPSLocks (Mahima Goel)
Cote Privacy (Shriya Srikanth)
Cureloid (Ruidi Huang)
Element V (Warren Lam)
Meta Frazo (Shrikar Lekkala)
PINATA (Skye Shepherd)
Provenance Security (Akul Goyal)

Healthcare Consulting Services (20 hours each, valued at \$6,000)

Sponsored by BioPhia

DefEndo (Kyra Hulse)
MenoPatch (David Krist)

Illinois Business Consulting Prizes (20 hours each, valued at \$15,000)

*Sponsored by Illinois Business Consulting (IBC),
Gies Business Magelli Office of Experiential Learning*

Action Learning Winners

Active Card (Vasu Chalasani)
Omnipher (Nicholas Militello)
Sensiboo (Edgar Mejia)
Tulip (Vishvesh Kaushik)

IBC Project Winner

FuelGo (Jack Dayan)

EnterpriseWorks Catapult Prizes (Valued at \$10,000)

Sponsored by EnterpriseWorks in the Research Park

\$5,000 worth of services each

Provenance Security (Akul Goyal)
SeriesFarm (Alec Thompson)

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