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Applications for Cyclotron Road will open soon. Sign up for a webinar [here](#) to learn more.

Friends and colleagues,

We need your help to recruit our next cohort of innovators. Our annual application window for Cyclotron Road will open in early October and if it's anything like the last three, word of mouth will be our most potent recruitment tool.

So, if you know an entrepreneurial scientist or engineer working on a breakthrough technology project we want to meet them! Please forward this newsletter and encourage them to [sign up for an informational webinar](#) on our website to learn more. The next webinar is this Wednesday at 1:00pm PT.

Read on below for more updates, including a big win for CalWave and an exciting new project to develop better mechanisms for collaboration between our innovators and large companies.

Onward,
The Cyclotron Road team.

Get Involved

Your chance to join Cohort Four is coming up!

fellowships to support entrepreneurial scientists and engineers developing energy technologies based in the physical and biological sciences. Fellows are embedded at Berkeley Lab, where they work to bring their ideas to the point of commercial viability.



The next application cycle is expected to open on October 2nd, 2017. [Interested applicants are encouraged to attend an informational webinar to learn more.](#)

Participants in the program receive:

- A two year fellowship, including a cash stipend, health insurance, and travel funds.
- Unencumbered access to world-class research facilities and expertise at Berkeley Lab, along with \$100k of project funds.
- Intensive training, mentorship, and networking from our program team and network of advisors.

[Click here to sign up for a webinar](#)

Cohort News

CalWave to pursue open water testing under \$12 million U.S. Department of Energy program

Cyclotron Road alumni company California Wave Power Technologies ([CalWave](#)), led by Marcus Lehmann (Cohort One), were recently selected as one of four projects to be funded under a \$12 million program by the U.S. Department of Energy.



Under the new award, CalWave will upscale its wave energy converter for open ocean testing. CalWave's prototype device demonstrated a 3x improvement in energy capture per unit cost relative

[the full DOE press release here.](#)

Congratulations to the CalWave team!

Program Feature

ICMI: "[The Innovator Gap](#)" by Ilan Gur (MIT Technology Review)

Cyclotron Road Founding Director Ilan Gur published a View in the July issue of *MIT Technology Review*. Read an excerpt below and [check out the full article here](#).

"Today's research ecosystem isn't built to support innovators [who's] projects are too applied for academic labs, which focus narrowly on new scientific discoveries. Meanwhile, private industry can't justify investment in expensive research that doesn't yet have clear commercial potential. Faced with this chasm, even the best innovators struggle. Many are bound to say "why bother?" Can we blame them?"



Program News

U.S. Department of Energy supports Cyclotron Road in developing new mechanisms for private-sector engagement

Activation Energy—the independent nonprofit that manages Cyclotron Road in [partnership](#) with Berkeley Lab—was recently awarded two projects under the U.S. Department of Energy's "Innovative Pathways" program, which aims to "address the systemic barriers currently preventing the private sector from more fully supporting energy innovation and bringing new energy technologies to market."



The awards will allow our team to tackle two major barriers facing Cyclotron Road innovators: the challenge of collaborating with large corporations at an

Program News

Welcome to Nikhil Garyega!

Nikhil recently joined [our team](#) as Partnerships Manager. In this role, he'll be working to enhance engagement between Cyclotron Road's innovators and our network of industry partners, investors, and entrepreneurs.

Prior to joining Cyclotron Road, Nikhil spent three years with Siemens TTB (now next47), a corporate venturing organization, where he worked on strategic engagements with startups touching energy and industry verticals. Nikhil holds a B.S. in environmental science from the College of Natural Resources at U.C. Berkeley.



On the Road ...

Cohort news ...

Sepion Technologies [won](#) the "Coup do Coeur" award at the World Materials Forum ... Cohort Three innovator Lauren Otto was [profiled](#) by the University of Minnesota ...

What we're reading ...

Joe Speicher's [article](#) about building an effective ecosystem for energy and climate innovators (*Stanford Social Innovation Review*) ... Michael Temchine's [column](#) on challenging the myth of basic science as a "miracle machine" (*Nature*) ... Elizabeth Gibney's [article](#) about British funding agency Innovate UK (*Nature*)

Calendar

Catch up with us at an upcoming event!

and September 20th at 1:00pm PST

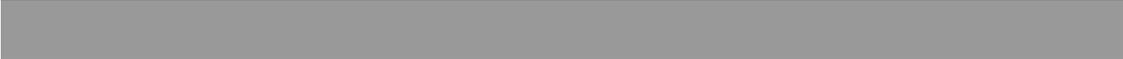
Join a webinar to learn more about Cyclotron Road, meet other interested applicants, and ask questions to the program team. [Sign up here.](#)

"Open House" happy hour August 24th, Daily Pint, Berkeley, CA

All are welcome to join us for our Open House happy hour, which will run from 5:30pm - 7:00pm.

VERGE September 19th – 21st, Santa Clara, CA

VERGE conference and expo brings together 2,000 leaders — from the world's largest companies and utilities, progressive government agencies and disruptive startups — to explore and elevate innovations at the intersection of technology and sustainability. Early-Bird savings end Friday, August 18. Save an additional 10% with code V17CYCR here: <http://grn.bz/v17cycr>



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