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Building a broad community: Princeton Entrepreneurship Council

The Princeton Entrepreneurship Council brings together entrepreneurs from throughout the campus and among alumni to engage with leading entrepreneurial experts for trainings, mentoring and programs.

The annual Empower conference attracts academic entrepreneurs and national thought-leaders, including those from historically underrepresented groups, to share knowledge, skills and tools.

Join our community at:
entrepreneurs.princeton.edu

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entrepreneurship events held in the 2023 academic year

Empowering Entrepreneurs: PolyGone

PolyGone Systems is developing technologies for the removal of microplastics from aquatic environments. Cofounded by Yidian Liu and Nathaniel Banks, who earned their master's degrees in **architecture** at Princeton, the company was selected to be part of a \$1.9M grant from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration in collaboration with New York Sea Grant. The women-co-led company is headquartered at **Princeton Innovation Center BioLabs**, which provides space for startups throughout the region.

Left: Vice Dean for Innovation Craig Arnold presents winning check to Yidian Liu, co-founder of PolyGone, at the annual Empower pitch competition.

“Our efforts focus on two global groups - Princeton-connected entrepreneurs and academic founders from underrepresented groups.”

—Anne-Marie Maman,
Executive Director, Princeton
Entrepreneurship Council

