

Dear Beatrice,

I am ecstatic to announce that Rutgers University has set a new record by having **2 teams** from **one university** as titleholders of the Hult Prize Regionals Competition. Today, the Hult Prize is the world's biggest engine for the launch of for-good, for-profit startups emerging from university with over 2,500 staff and volunteers around the world. In nearly a decade, the movement has deployed more than \$50M of capital into the sector and mobilized more than one million young people to rethink the future of business as it continues to breed disruptive innovation on college and university campuses across 100 plus countries. The Hult Prize Foundation been called the "Nobel Prize for Students" and has been featured in a TIME Magazine Cover Story highlighting the "Top 5 Ideas Changing the World." This year's challenge focuses on harnessing the power of energy to transform the lives of 10 million people by 2025. ([www.hultprize.org](http://www.hultprize.org))

[Hult Prize at Rutgers](#) held a pitch competition in December 2017 and the first-place winner, Sulis, continued to the Boston Regional competition in March 2018. There, Sulis competed against 45 universities from around the world and won first place, beating teams from Yale University, Brown University, Harvard University, University of Michigan, New York University, Duke University, the University of Pennsylvania, and others. LivingWaters applied through the online application of the competition and made it to the Shanghai regional finals, there beating out over 50 of the top Asian universities to advance to the summer accelerator.

Sulis is creating energy-efficient water sanitation devices that function under a broad range of weather conditions. The technology is based on recent groundbreaking research that allows the Sulis device to directly harness the energy of the sun to sanitize water at scale more effectively and at lower cost than current methods without relying on existing infrastructure. Sulis' minimum viable product can be manufactured from locally-sourced materials by local workers.

Anurag Modak, Sulis' Chief Executive Officer, is pursuing a major in Cell Biology and Neuroscience with minors in Business Administration and Spanish at the Rutgers University Honors College. He is also the Secretary of the Honors College Student Advisory Board and a research assistant in the laboratory of Dr. Peter Lobel in the Center for Advanced Biotechnology and Medicine. He combines science, business, and leadership to

LivingWaters is a diverse group of students steered by the common ambition of alleviating an ongoing catastrophe—the global water crisis. Together, they recognize the market and impact potential of harvesting heavy rainfall to hydrate the millions within international water stressed zones. Their unit is a cost-effective, DIY zero-energy rainwater catchment system that captures, filters, and stores an abundant self-replenishing supply of clean rainwater right at the doorsteps of those that need it.

Joshua Kao, founder, inventor and CEO of LivingWaters, is a serial entrepreneur and junior double majoring in Marketing and Religious Studies and a former captain of a Hult Prize regional finalist Rutgers team. As former Creative Director of Hult Prize at Rutgers and the Rutgers Entrepreneurial Society, he spent several years rallying students to turn their ideas into startup initiatives. Outside of startup-building and

guide the development of Sulis from an idea to a viable social entrepreneurship venture.

Sarah Pomeranz, Sulis' Chief Operations Officer, is a student at Rutgers University Honors College pursuing a major in Management with a concentration in Entrepreneurship and a minor in Social Justice. As the founder and president of TAMID Group at Rutgers and a student leader in the Honors College, she brings previous entrepreneurial and leadership experience to facilitate interactions with interested stakeholders and to contribute to the development of Sulis as a business entity.

Yuki Osumi, Sulis' Chief Technology Officer, is pursuing majors in Chemistry and Sociology at the Rutgers University Honors College. As a student of chemistry and research assistant in the laboratory of Dr. Jing Li, he applies his practical experience in chemistry in testing the Sulis technology and guiding its optimization for use in a variety of conditions.

Ari Mendelow, Sulis' Chief Design Officer is majoring in Industrial and Systems Engineering with a minor in Economics. Ari is also a founding member and Chief Operating Officer of TAMID Group at Rutgers. He is currently graduating with a full-time offer at Cognizant. He uses his experience in graphic design, manufacturing processes, 3D modeling, and developing schematics to develop our branding and products.

**You can follow and support Sulis on their [Facebook page](#), [website](#), and view their winning pitch [here](#).**

studies he enjoys filmmaking, playing the piano, and writing.

Thomas Irving, the team's finance and accounting mind, is a super senior majoring in Accounting and minoring in Chinese. He is currently graduating with a full-time offer in the accounting development program at Bristol-Myers Squibb. Thomas has also been associated with the Rutgers Accounting Association as Treasurer and previously associated with Phi Chi Theta, a professional business fraternity.

Jane Peterken is a senior of British and Thai background studying Civil and Environmental Engineering with a strong acumen for hydrological systems construction. She was financial overseer for all student organizations within the Rutgers Engineering School and president of the Rutgers American Water Works Association. She is currently graduating with a full-time offer at Bechtel.

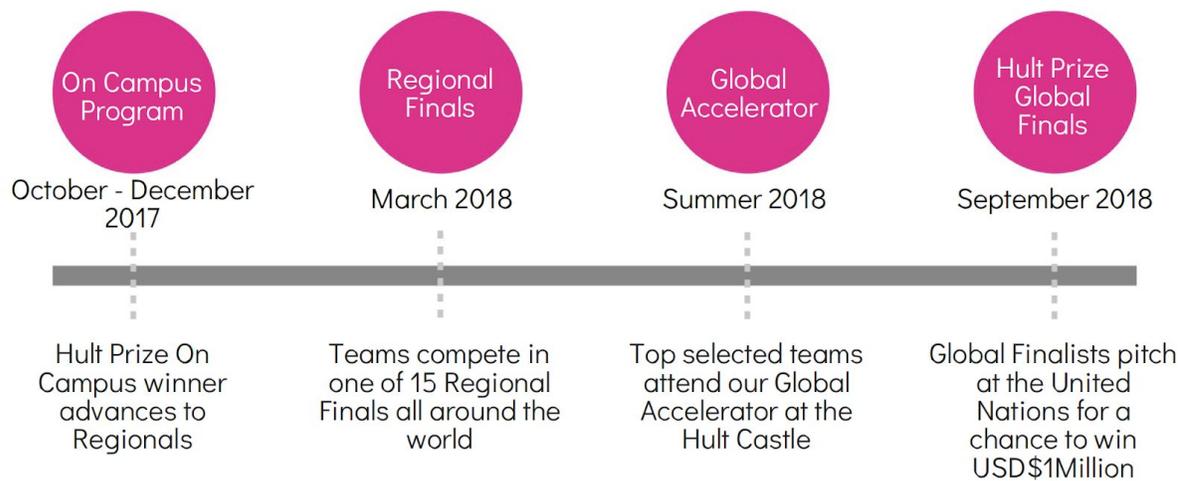
Shrey Ghate is a Civil and Environmental Engineering international student senior from Bombay, India and former project lead for The Kenya Project, a humanitarian initiative involving the construction of rainwater catchment systems for the community of Kolonje, Kenya, a role involving coordination with investors and negotiating drilling quotes with Kenyan contractors. He is currently graduating with a full-time offer at Deloitte.

Sulis and LivingWaters will participate in an 8-week intensive summer business incubator, where they will receive mentorship, advisory, and strategic planning as they create prototypes and set-up to launch their new social businesses. Only 6 teams will continue into a final round of

competition that will be hosted in September 2018, where the winning team will be awarded USD 1 Million Hult Prize in seed funding.

*Hult Prize at Rutgers* was founded in 2015 by [Umair Masood](#) and in three years of its inception, we have been the premiere student innovation platform responsible for producing student based social enterprises. Just last year, Rutgers' [Roshni Rides](#) was the global winner, recipient of the USD 1 Million Hult Prize given by Bill Clinton.

*Hult Prize at Rutgers* is now recruiting volunteers who are interested in being a part of the organizational committee. Please forward your inquiries to [hultprizeru@gmail.com](mailto:hultprizeru@gmail.com).



Best regards,

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