



Project Olympus announces the winners of the Spring 2013 Spark Grant Awards

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Five PROBE Projects were each awarded a \$3000 micro-grant from the **Spark Grant Fund**.

- [Baloonr](#) - A user-generated content web application that allows anonymous vetting of ideas/content, with the hope that it will be “pumped up” by enough reviewers to “take off.”
- [Lightside Labs](#) - Tools for automated assessment of text data using machine learning and natural language processing.
- [PieceMaker Technologies](#) - a 3D Printer designed for personal use within the mass market of the general public that will create a world where every individual has the power to create.
- [Schema Fusion](#) - One-stop information hub with integrated and visualized data for high efficiency building management.
- [Vendalize](#) - A local search tool crowdsourcing tags to increase the visibility and relevance of neighborhood business and culture.

The Olympus **Spark Grant Fund** helps students kick-start their business ideas.

The Olympus Spark Grant fund is funded by charitable gifts from alumni and other community donors. Students submit proposals and practice 'pitching' the donors. Donors play a vital role in helping Olympus evaluate the students' applications and making award decisions. This is an ongoing grant fund where donors can begin their participation at any time.