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## **Spring 2016 Olympus Spark Grant Recipients Announced**

Five PROBE Projects were awarded a \$5,000 micro-grant from the Olympus Spark Grant Fund. These grants are made possible through charitable contributions from alumni and Friends of Olympus.

**eebooks** is changing the publishing landscape of enhanced e-books. eebooks is developing software that enables writers to easily create media-rich e-books for electronic reading devices.

**Chiroproktr** is an instructional medical device/dummy developed to assist doctors in developing/practicing adjusting techniques for spinal manipulation.

**LogCycle** helps schools process visa documents for millions of international students quickly and seamlessly, without touching a sheet of paper.

**Robotany** is automating the commercial vertical farming industry by creating mobile robotic solutions that increase labor efficiency by 25%, double crop output and provide an unprecedented level of data collection to improve farm operations.

**VIC** provides vendors, such as Coca-Cola, with a mobile application that focuses on providing real-time inventory data. This information decreases the labor costs associated with manually counting inventory and allows sales representatives to spend more time selling.

The Olympus Spark Grant fund is available for PROBE students and 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.