



Fresno's active and dynamic community provides vast resources for entrepreneurs at all stages in their business development. The *Create Here* Business Plan Competition is accepting applications through August 14 and we strongly encourage applicants to take advantage of events and resources that can improve their chances of success.

We'll be updating our event list regularly so check back often:

### ***Create Here Open for Applications***

**Wednesday, July 1** - [www.downtownfresno.org/foundation/CreateHere](http://www.downtownfresno.org/foundation/CreateHere)  
Competition information, rules, application and timeline

### ***Create Here Meet & Greet***

**Tuesday, July 7<sup>th</sup>** – 5:30pm-6:30pm, Peeve's Public Market, 1243 Fulton Mall

*Meet our staff and learn about the business plan competition. Ask questions, meet other applicants, and talk with current downtown business owners to get the skinny on what it takes to succeed. Refreshments provided.* RSVP to Rocio Andrade at [randrade@downtownfresno.org](mailto:randrade@downtownfresno.org)

### ***Storefront Tours***

**Tuesday, July 21<sup>th</sup>** – 5:30pm-6:30pm, Meet at Umi Sushi, 2321 Kern Street

Check out your new digs! *The Create Here winner can choose from one of 6 properties and we're going to visit all of them! You'll be able to see what space works best for you.* RSVP to Rocio Andrade at [randrade@downtownfresno.org](mailto:randrade@downtownfresno.org)

### ***Application Deadline***

**Friday, August 14** – 5pm PST online or at 845 Fulton Mall  
Deadline for applications. Submit to Rocio Andrade at [randrade@downtownfresno.org](mailto:randrade@downtownfresno.org)

### ***Other Resources We Recommend:***

#### ***Central Valley SCORE Workshops***

Outstanding free educational seminars for entrepreneurs: QuickBooks, Social Media, Marketing and more. SCORE offers workshops and mentorship for local entrepreneurs. Check out the training calendar at [www.centralvalley.score.org/localworkshops](http://www.centralvalley.score.org/localworkshops)

#### ***Fresno's Leading Young Professionals***

A networking group focused on leadership, service and connecting young professionals throughout the region. Attend the mixer on July 16 at KuniSama to meet some of Fresno's best movers and shakers. Learn more at [www.flypinfo.com](http://www.flypinfo.com)

#### ***US Small Business Administration, Fresno***

The name says it all – a federal administration just for small businesses! They have seminars, consulting and funding to help make your business idea a reality. Visit [www.sba.gov/offices/district/ca/fresno](http://www.sba.gov/offices/district/ca/fresno)

#### ***Fresno Economic Opportunities Commission***

The EOC's CDFI program provides financing, training, and asset development services for low- and moderate-income entrepreneurs - See more at [www.fresnoeoc.org/CDFI](http://www.fresnoeoc.org/CDFI)