

Press release

Ten university students selected for this year's Silicon Valley Startup Camp

Lausanne, Switzerland, 16 May 2019 – Yesterday the members of the Silicon Valley Startup Camp selection panel convened in Lausanne to choose the ten local students who will be given the opportunity to travel to Silicon Valley this August to cultivate their entrepreneurial spirit.

The application and selection process for the seventh edition of the Silicon Valley Startup Camp, which was first launched by BCV in 2013, was announced starting in March. Some forty students applied in total, and twenty finalists were brought in for interviews. The panel members were very impressed by the diversity and exceptionally high quality of the applications and by the candidates' enthusiasm.

In the end, six women and four men showing particularly high potential were picked. Two of the successful candidates are from the École hôtelière de Lausanne (EHL), three from the École polytechnique fédérale de Lausanne (EPFL), one from the Vaud School of Management and Engineering (HEIG-VD), and four from the University of Lausanne's Faculty of Business and Economics (UNIL/HEC). This clearly shows that there is a budding entrepreneurial culture throughout the Canton's higher education institutions.

The successful candidates for 2019 are:

Luca Baudino, aged 24, EHL
Livia Buergi, aged 24, EHL
Jad Hanna, aged 18, EPFL
Sabrina Kall, aged 22, EPFL
Tom Winandy, aged 20, EPFL
Pauline Baeni, aged 23, HEIG-VD
Angélique Cornet, aged 23, UNIL
Anne-Lise Dequenne, aged 23, UNIL
Grace Lokako, aged 23, UNIL
David Netter, aged 21, UNIL

In August they will spend a week in Silicon Valley, where they will have a packed schedule of tailor-made workshops, visits to universities and companies, and meetings with venture capitalists. The Camp is organized in cooperation with the Swissnex scientific platform in San Francisco.

The selection committee is made up of representatives from each of the project partners: Pierre Vandergheynst, Vice Provost for Education, EPFL; Florent Ledentu, Dean of the School of Management (HEG), HEIG-VD; Déborah Philippe, Strategy Professor, Vice-rector Careers and Society, UNIL; Julien Guex, Assistant Director, Vaud Chamber of Commerce and Industry (CVCI), Foundation for Technological Innovation (FIT); David Narr, Director, Genilem; Joao-Antonio Brinca, Head of Strategy & Organization, BCV; Marisa Scaramuzzino, Corporate Social Responsibility Advisor, BCV.

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