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Berkeley Students Launch Student-Run Think Tank

BERKELEY, California, Sep. 4 – Berkeley students have launched a chapter of the Roosevelt Institution, the nation's first student think tank, aimed at tapping the unused resource of students' research and integrating it into the public policy dialogue.

"There is no doubt that students at Cal are already generating smart, bold and new ideas that can help solve today's complex policy problems," said Albert Fang, president of the Berkeley chapter and a junior majoring in political science. "Our goal is to invigorate today's policy discourse with those ideas."

Students, faculty and staff are invited to the Roosevelt Institution's kickoff event at UC Berkeley on Wednesday, September 7th, where they can learn more about bridging the gap between academia and policy-making.

"The Roosevelt Institution is committed to the task of connecting student researchers to the policy process," said Elizabeth Ghedi-Ehrlich, a senior English major and the Director of the Center on Social Policy. "This is about renewing young people's commitment to progressivism and effecting real change."

In less than eight months, Roosevelt chapters have started at over 120 campuses in the United States and abroad, including Harvard, Stanford and Yale. The inaugural issue of the Roosevelt Institution's annual policy journal, the *Roosevelt Review*, has been published, is available online, and will be distributed to policymakers in state capitals and Washington, DC, as well as media outlets and think tanks across the nation.

The Roosevelt Institution is a think tank devoted to bringing the policy research of college students to the attention of academia, media, and government.

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