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Dear CPAESS Staff,

I wanted to let you know about a wonderful opportunity here at UCAR. It's called the U-Innovate Competition's Advance Training. Its purpose is to help you prepare to pitch your great ideas for the U-Innovate 2020 Competition.

YOU INNOVATE ALL THE TIME! So maybe it's time to get ready to get your ideas out there. U-Innovate is UCAR's internal competition for new technology and innovations such as software, hardware and applications. This fun, friendly and fast-paced competition is open to all UCAR employees with the goal of promoting and fostering new ideas and progressing these ideas from research to potential commercial applications.

The U-INNOVATE 2020 COMPETITION is scheduled for May 1, and all staff are invited. Find out [more here](#).

INTRIGUED? Come learn how to make an impactful pitch at the upcoming competition. Several of our event judges (all external, with entrepreneurial savvy) will be available at a pre-competition training to provide you with tips on what makes a great pitch. The first 30 minutes will be a general session *open to everyone,* followed by 15-minute sessions where you can meet one-on-one with a coach to brainstorm your idea or get specific pointers.

Come with just the idea in your head or a draft pitch and presentation. It's up to you. **Pre-competition training: Friday, February 28, 1 - 2:30pm MST, FL2-1001.** The general session from 1-1:30pm will [be webcast](#). For non-Boulder employees please attend this webcast, and then contact [Wendy Anderson](#) for individual or group brainstorming follow-up sessions.

Sign up in advance for the individual coaching sessions - first come, first served, and space is limited, so act quickly. To sign up, please email [Wendy Anderson](#). **The sign-up deadline is this Wednesday at 5pm MST.**

This is a great opportunity, so sign up if you have an idea you'd like to learn how to pitch.

Good luck to you all!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Hanna".