# **Topics**

- The idea
- The business model
- Execution
- Finance and Resources
- Case studies



### Innovation Support Services (ISS)



#### **Our mission:**

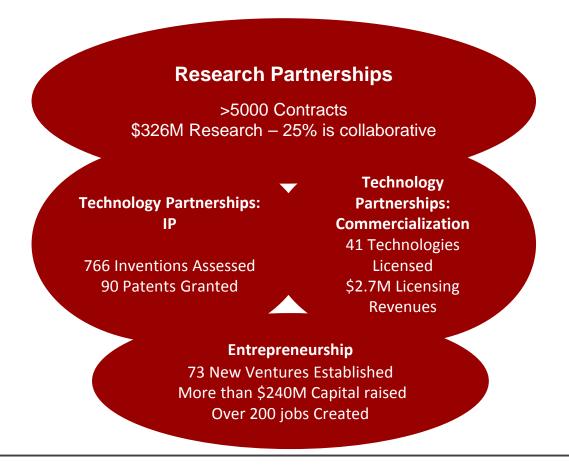
To ensure society benefits from uOttawa research through practical student experiences, and through the promotion of partnerships with industry, government, and the community.

#### Our services:

- Collaborative Research
- Invention Review and development
- Student Entrepreneurship



#### A Decade of Partnerships & Innovation: 2006 - 2016







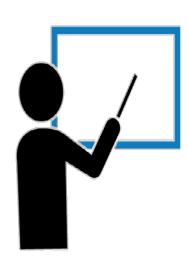
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SPACE

**MENTORSHIP** 

**TRAINING** 

**FUNDS** 



### **Successful Startup Companies**

42% timing - is the customer ready

32% team / execution

28% Idea

24% Business model

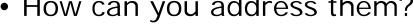
14% funding

Bill Gross - Idea Lab



#### The Idea

- Where are your interests Who? What?
- Who are you? Skills? Resources?
- Where are the pains?
- How can you address them?





















## Technology Trends and emerging opportunities

- networks, computing power, artificial intelligence
  - Advanced software using cheap hardware
  - A.I. emerging as voice assistants and machine learning in a variety of products - Home automation, B2B, Health
  - Digital therapeutics" challenging pharmaceuticals Brain tech
  - Cellular IoT, 5G, and the smart life Mobile connectivity in everything to simplify setup and boost use
  - Security, Security, Security



#### Leverage the community: Partnerships around complementary strengths in market and technical areas can help you focus on your core - 3 local tech strengths

Software -Blackberry QNX, Shopify, Microsoft, IBM, L-Spark, Bitheads, Macadamia

Multimedia YouiTV, Fuel, Magmic, Arctic Empire, Ross Video

Communications Blackberry QNX, Cisco, Nokia, Huawai, Juniper, Telesat



Existing Companies may be interested in unique solutions

- Use their tools
- Engage partners early
- Differentiate yourself
- Listen
- Demonstrate the opportunity for revenue







#### Is this a business?

- **Business model**
- Market Who and how many people have this problem?
- Competition How is the problem being addressed, and what prevents them from addressing the problem?
- Revenue Potential What solution is the market willing to pay you for, and how much (consider pains and gains)?
- Operations How much will it cost you to sell solutions?
- Plan How do you get there?
- People / Team Who will do it?
- Investment How can you fund the plan?

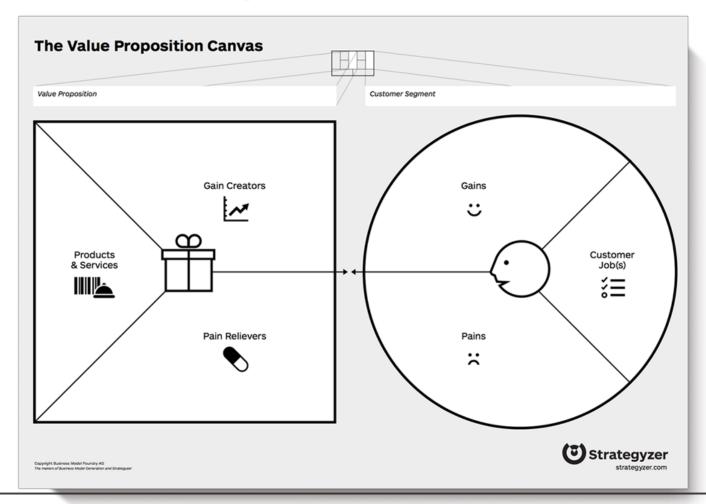


#### The Market

- Total Addressable Market of the <u>specific</u> segment for your solution
- Who is your customer demographic, behaviour, location (is your timing right?)
- Competition: Who else wants their attention, and what is their impact?
- Relate to your offering
- Quantify and support with assumptions



# **The Value Proposition**



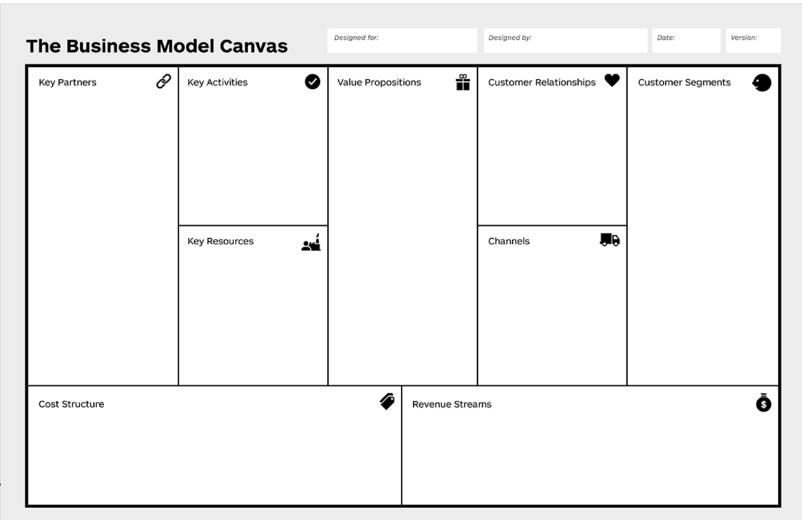


## Execution - How are you going to get there?

- Milestones business, technical, Lean Startup
- People and resources
- Detailed activities to achieving milestones
- Costs time and money
- Revise as required



#### The business model canvas



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# The Team

Choose a team that can achieve what your company needs to do.









#### Resources

- Equipment
- Facilities
- Network
- Financial
- Service providers
- Intellectual property

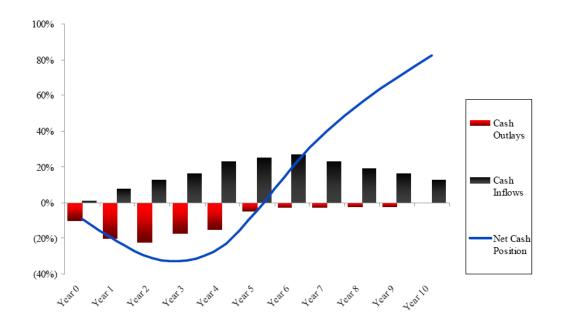


# **Intellectual Property**

- **Copyright** ©
- **Trade Secret**
- Trademark ™, ®
- **Patent**
- **Industrial Designs, IC Layout**
- **Know How**



## Protecting IP is a business decision



Patents have up from costs, but do not yield returns until later when a business opportunity is pursued.



# **Building the Foundation - Lean Startup**

- Entrepreneurship is a discovery process
- Uses business-hypothesis-driven experimentation
- Helps you decide when to change and when to persevere
- Principles can be used outside of startups



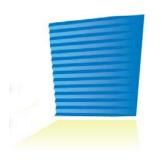
#### http://theleanstartup.com/principles



# Putting the pieces together



- Find people and organisations that can help you
- Convince them to help you













# **Great Pitches built on Greater Foundations**



#### The Elevator Pitch

- Simple summary of your business
- Relevant to the listener

Different version for different needs

Practice, practice, practice!



#### Elevator Pitch Framework

For (customer) who (need or opportunity)

the (product/service) is a (familiar product /service category)

Our customers take away (statement of takeaway)

Unlike (competitive alternative), our product (main differentiation)



# **Investor Pitch Template** Crowdfunded

- Elevator Pitch
- Momentum, Traction, Expertise: Your key numbers
- Market Opportunity: Define market size & your customer base
- **Problem & Current Solutions: What need do you fill? Other** 4) solutions
- **Product or Service: Your solution** 5)
- 6) **Business Model: Key Revenue Streams**
- Market Approach & Strategy: How you grow your business
- Team & Key Stakeholders (Investors, Advisors) 8)
- **Financials** 9)
- 10) Competition
- 11) Investment: Your 'Ask' for funding, Basic use of funds



# The Pitch - Getting others on your side

- Finance
- Co-founders
- Customers
- Suppliers
- Advisors



# **Financing**

- Consider what you bring to the table
- Consider the needs of the investor
- Reduce your financing needs
- Kickstarter, Indiegogo, Avnet and HAX https://hax.co/



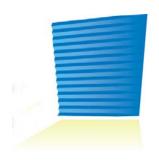
#### Sources of Cash

- Personal
- Friends, Fools, Family
- Government programs
- Crowdfunding
- Angels
- Venture Capital
- Banks

Consider what is within reach of your business



# uOttawa Resources - PEI, SG, Profs, Maker, EHUB, Bridges, EntreClub, IEEE



Startup Garage Garage Demarrage

TECDE (Telfer entrepreneur club)

Faculty of Engineering PEI, EIC

E-HUB

Richard L'Abbé Makerspace



Entrepreneurship Bridges Lecture Series (Telfer)



# Successful ventures linked to founders who received uOttawa support

GYMTRACK RAISES \$2.5 MILLION SEED ROUND FROM REAL VENTURES & WHITE STAR CAPITAL

Spartan Bioscience announces strategic investment from Canon U.S.A. March 18, 2015

Startup spreads Ottawa home chefs' dishes

In an article about eCelery





# Entrepreneurship self help

- https://www.entrepreneurship.org/?nav=universal Kauffman Institute resources for entrepreneurs
- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q63PZR7mG70 Clayton Christensen, Harvard professor – Video to help define what your customers are really paying for - a job to be done
- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wwShFsSFb-Y Series of videos to help you through the process of defining your business
- https://strategyzer.com/canvas/value-proposition-canvas Tool to help you determine how your business will make money
- https://strategyzer.com/canvas/business-model-canvas Tool to help you map out the different inputs and outputs for your business
- https://steveblank.com/tools-and-blogs-for-entrepreneurs/ Steve Blank, entrepreneur and Stanford Prof with tools for entrepreneurs on his website



#### **Thank You**

- Expand your network
- Practice your pitch
- Participate in Startup Garage, PEI, Entrepreneurship Bridges, MakerSpace, etc.

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