

UPSTART

Venture Criteria for Entrepreneur Sprints & Venture Accelerator Applicants

As an Early-Stage Entrepreneur , you are positioned for Entrepreneur Sprints when:	As a Growth-Stage Venture, your venture is positioned for the Venture Accelerator when:
YOU MEET A NEED	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You've launched at least one program or service, and you're testing and evaluating its impact • You're planning to launch or have already launched a full program as a result of your pilot 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Your venture is fielding increasing demand for programs and services • You have evidence that your product or program design is feasible and have a growing participant base • Your offerings are well-tested; you're building new offerings to meet demand for your work
YOU HAVE A VISION FOR GROWTH	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You're making initial determinations about venture structure, mission, vision, and programming • You have a preliminary vision for your venture's impact and a growing cadre of committed stakeholders to make it happen 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You've raised initial funding, engaged a variety of stakeholders, and are building a team • You're considering expansion and long-term sustainability, and you are poised to scale
YOU MAKE A UNIQUE CONTRIBUTION TO JEWISH LIFE	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You've identified a need in the Jewish community and are testing how your unique approach can address the need 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Your venture contributes to the growth and vitality of Jewish life in a bold and potentially game-changing way • Your venture is solving a vexing problem, leveraging a unique, creative approach
YOU HAVE DEDICATED & EFFECTIVE LEADERSHIP	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Your venture is growing and its leadership is adopting new approaches as needed • There is at least one committed leader who has a basic understanding of the landscape your venture operates in, and a desire to manage people and processes in order to achieve goals • The leader is open to and shows commitment for professional development 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Your venture's leadership is committed to seeing it through the next stage of its development, adopting new approaches as needed • The leadership has a sophisticated understanding of the landscape your venture operates in, and has a track record of effectively managing people and processes in order to achieve goals

- The leader is open to and shows commitment for professional development, and has support from the board to engage in learning opportunities

Venture *Eligibility for Entrepreneur Sprints & Venture Accelerator Applicants

**We highly recommend that you match at least 3 out of the 4 items on the eligibility list when applying to our program.*

- You have dedicated and effective **leadership** (paid or volunteer)
- You either have or are putting together an Advisory **Board** and/or Board of Directors made up of stakeholders who believe in your mission
- You have or are working towards **fiscal** sponsorship, LLC, or 501(c)3 and must be able to receive grant funding
- Your annual budget is no more than a \$150k

- You have dedicated and effective **leadership** with at least one full-time employee
- You have an Advisory **Board** and/or Board of Directors made up of highly engaged stakeholders representative of the skills, resources and expertise needed to grow your venture long-term
- You are a standalone venture (internally: can be **fiscally** sponsored); you are a 501c3 or LLC (B-Corp preferred) and must be able to receive grant funding
- Your annual budget is between \$150k and \$650k