

# **Frequently Asked Questions**

#### 1. Any age limit for participants?

Ans: Anyone who is 18 years and above can participate. There is no upper limit on age.

### 2. When is the last date for submission?

Ans: 30<sup>th</sup> September 2021

#### 3. How many members per team? Is Individual submission allowed?

Ans: A team can have maximum of 4 members. Individual submissions are also allowed if they don't have any team members.

4. Will there be any Non-Disclosure Agreement (NDA) signed?

Ans: No. Organizers will not be signing any NDA. However, organizers will ensure that the list of ideas is not shared outside of judging committee.

### 5. How many teams will be shortlisted?

Ans: Top-20 teams will be shortlisted by 30-Oct-2021 based on the business plan submitted using the google form. These 20 teams will be asked to do a 10-mins presentation over Zoom call to a panel of judges during the month of November. Based on the quality of presentation and innovation, judges would shortlist Top-5 teams for the final round of demos to be held in Bangalore in the month of December.

### 6. Is there any prize money?

Ans: Yes. Winning team will get Rs50,000/-. Runner-up team will get Rs25,000/-. Other 3 finalist teams will get Rs10,000/- per team. All the members participating in this final demos/presentation in Bangalore will also get one-year free membership to Kanara Entrepreneurs network, worth Rs10,620/-.

### 7. Any personal documents to be submitted?

Ans: All the participants of Top-5 teams need to carry Govt. ID proof & address proof documents along with a letter from regional Youth Director or from parish priest. At the time of google form submission no personal documents are required to be submitted; participants only need to attach one-page business plan in pdf format.

### 8. Is there any mentoring or guidance provided for participants to fill the business plan?

Ans: Yes. Organizers have scheduled a Webinar on the topic of "How to write a Business Plan" on Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> August at 8pm IST. Interested participants may join the whatsapp group created for information on this webinar. Here is the link to join this whatsapp group: <a href="https://chat.whatsapp.com/CHvgVonaF9U6cwC9WiAmtY">https://chat.whatsapp.com/CHvgVonaF9U6cwC9WiAmtY</a>

# 9. Any reference documents/ youtube videos to help fill in one page business plan? Ans:

- a. https://railsware.com/blog/5-lean-canvas-examples/
- b. https://ideabuddy.com/blog/one-page-business-plan/
- c. https://businesstown.com/write-one-page-business-plan/
- d. https://articles.bplans.com/how-to-write-a-business-plan-on-just-one-page/

### 10. For those travelling to Bangalore, is any accommodation provided?

Ans: Yes, on need basis. Those who are in need of accommodation need to contact organizers at least a week before the final demos.

### 11. For those travelling to Bangalore, is the travel cost reimbursed?

Ans: No. However, all the (Top-5) teams who are required to travel for final presentations are guaranteed to win at least Rs10,000/- per team.

### 12. How do I participate in this competition?

Ans: You need to create one-page business plan using the template shared at <a href="https://bit.ly/3Bg0wkl">https://bit.ly/3Bg0wkl</a>. Once done you need to submit the google form ( <a href="https://forms.gle/H24wL6ckueo9Z8477">https://forms.gle/H24wL6ckueo9Z8477</a>) by attaching your one-page business plan.

### 13. Any examples of one-page Business Plans?

Ans: Shared below are 5 examples:

# AirBed&Breakfast

# 2008

#### **PROBLEM**

- Hard to find cheap/affordable accomodation options when travelling
- Staying in hotels travellers cannot get authentic experiences of a location
- It's not easy for a homeowner to monetize vacant areas on a day-by-day basis - Uncultivated home sharing

#### EXISTING ALTERNATIVES

culture

Booking.com Hotels.com

#### **SOLUTION**

- An online service where travelers can rent an affordable local apartment, and homeowners can earn extra money by renting out vacant areas on a day-by-day basis

# KEY METRICS

Number of views-tobookings per host
Number of hosts applied
NPS

- DAU/MAU

# UNIQUE VALUE PROPOSITION

- Travelers can get authentic experience of local area - Extra
- Extra monetization of vacant areas for homeowners

## HIGH-LEVEL CONCEPT

Everyone can become a host Sharing economy

#### UNFAIR ADVANTAGE

- Any homeowner can rent out space
- Trust building: bi-directional rating system of hosts and visitors - Insurance by default for hosts

#### CUSTOMER SEGMENTS

- Travellers looking for an adequate accommodation experience for a low price
- People having some accomodation options to become a host

### **CHANNELS**

- Referrals - Recommendations
- Advertising (both online and offline)

#### **EARLY ADOPTERS**

People ready to share their residence and earn money as hosts

### **COST STRUCTURE**

Development Hosting Marketing Payroll Insurance Photography

### REVENUE STREAMS

Fees for travellers





#### **PROBLEM**

### - Lack of online bookstores - Hard to select books in offline stores (no rating, recommendations, hard to find a book, etc.)

#### SOLUTION

### Build an online bookstore with millions of titles

# UNIQUE VALUE PROPOSITION

Buy books using a PC from home/office (without visiting several local stores to find a particular book)

#### UNFAIR ADVANTAGE

- Lower price
(less employees,
less rent
payment and
other costs)
- no competition
for online
booksellers

# CUSTOMER SEGMENTS

**Book readers** 

#### EXISTING ALTERNATIVES

- Interloc (future Alibris) - Local booksellers - Barnes &

Noble

#### **KEY METRICS**

- Website traffic

- CAC
- ROI (sales conversion rate, revenue per visitor, percentage of shopping cart abandoned rate, etc.)

#### HIGH-LEVEL CONCEPT

Earth's biggest bookstore (company's original tagline)

#### **CHANNELS**

### Affiliates Resellers

#### **EARLY ADOPTERS**

- Customers searching for rare and specialized books - Internet users looking for bookselling services

#### **COST STRUCTURE**

Hosting Website development Operational costs (rent cost, storage, facilities, delivery) Payroll

#### **REVENUE STREAMS**

Direct sales





#### **PROBLEM**

There's no hosting video as a service

#### SOLUTION

- Create a website devoted to this amateur videos

# UNIQUE VALUE PROPOSITION

- The People's TV service - Watch and share video content on a single platform
- Star-based rating system

#### UNFAIR ADVANTAGE

- Hard to recreate video hosting on a large scale - Users of this video hosting push other users to join the network

# CUSTOMER SEGMENTS

- Mass market usersAmateur video
- bloggers
- Advertisers

#### EXISTING ALTERNATIVES

- ShareYourWorld
- Vimeo
- Google Video

#### **KEY METRICS**

- Number of views per video
- DAU
- Stickiness (videos per session, watched timing, etc.)

#### HIGH-LEVEL CONCEPT

The next Flickr of video

#### **CHANNELS**

- Founders' friends - Technology magazines - Emailing (contest with iPod Nano as
- a prize)
   Referrals

#### **EARLY ADOPTERS**

- TeenagersCollege students
- Video hobbyists
- Film-makers

#### **COST STRUCTURE**

Hosting Development Payroll

#### **REVENUE STREAMS**

Investment Advertising revenue (after Google purchased it)

# [thefacebook]



#### **PROBLEM**

- Harvard
university's
online network
is very limited in
functionality
and not fun
- Students want
a solution to
communicate

#### **SOLUTION**

Online communication for Harvard students with the possibility to connect with friends (share photos, interests), chat and other stuff

# UNIQUE VALUE PROPOSITION

Harvard students-oriented communication platform (then other colleges)

#### UNFAIR ADVANTAGE

- Person to person interaction - Friends' activities push other friends to use the network - Invention of a new website type - social network with social features

# CUSTOMER SEGMENTS

- College

students
- Students of
other colleges
and universities

#### EXISTING ALTERNATIVES

online

- MySpace - Hi5
- Friendster

#### **KEY METRICS**

DAU/MAU North star metric

#### HIGH-LEVEL CONCEPT

Friendster for college students

#### **CHANNELS**

Referral among Harvard students society - Cross-friends of Harvard students in other colleges

#### **EARLY ADOPTERS**

Harvard university students

#### **COST STRUCTURE**

Hosting Development Payroll

#### **REVENUE STREAMS**

- Investment
- Advertising revenue





#### **PROBLEM**

- Irrelevant search results of existing s earch engines
- Hard to find what you're searching for

#### SOLUTION

Develop a technology that would allow users to search and find relevant content

# UNIQUE VALUE PROPOSITION

- Users can truly find what they're looking for (unlike with the competitors)
- Fast search

#### UNFAIR ADVANTAGE

Innovation.
Google
PageRank
technology
(combined
citation-ranking
system)

# CUSTOMER SEGMENTS

All web users

# EXISTING ALTERNATIVES

AltaVista Yahoo Excite

#### **KEY METRICS**

- Number of search requests - Percentage of users who end their search on the first page

#### HIGH-LEVEL CONCEPT

Fast web search based on the relevancy of web pages

### **CHANNELS**

- User references

#### **EARLY ADOPTERS**

Stanford students

#### **COST STRUCTURE**

Hosting Development

#### **REVENUE STREAMS**

- Investment
- Advertising revenue