Innovation Studio Seed Fund 2026-27



Part 3 - What makes a good application?

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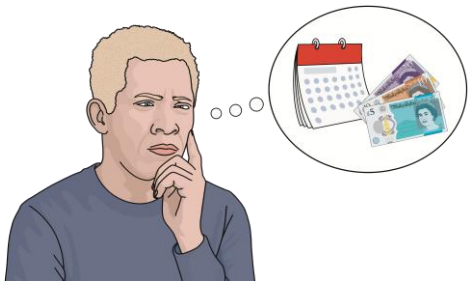


When you apply to the Seed Fund, the panel will look at 5 main things. This will help them decide who gets the money.

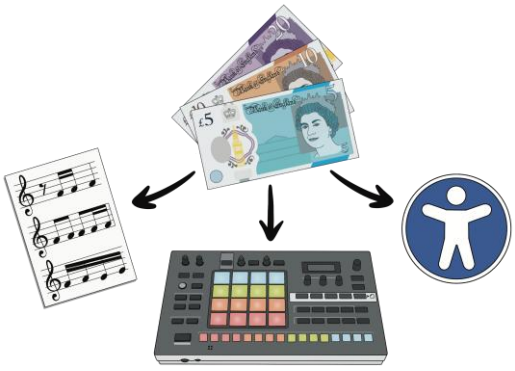
1. Is your project clear and possible?



Explain your idea in a clear way.



Show that your project can really happen.



Say how you will use the money and why.

2. Do you and your team have the right skills? And will the project help you grow your skills?

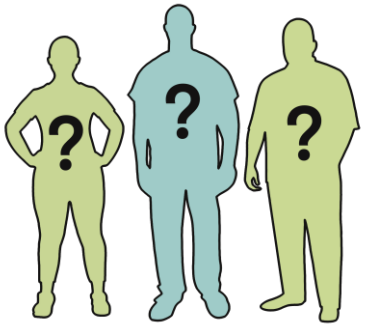


Show clearly that you or your team have the right skills to make the project work.



Explain clearly how this project will help you or your team to grow and develop.

3. Are you working with other people?



Tell us who you will work with.



Tell us clearly why you chose them.

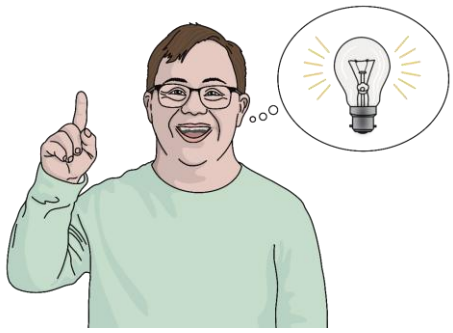


Explain your plans for how you will work together.

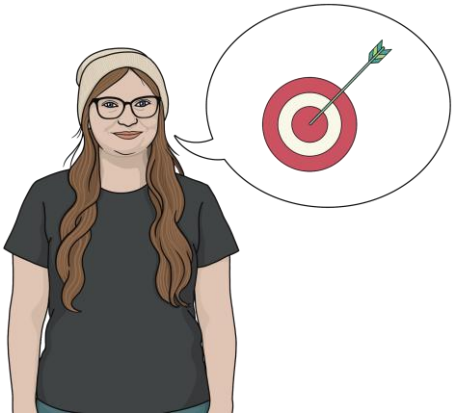
4. Does your project fit in with Innovation Studio's goals?



Innovation Studio supports new, creative ideas.



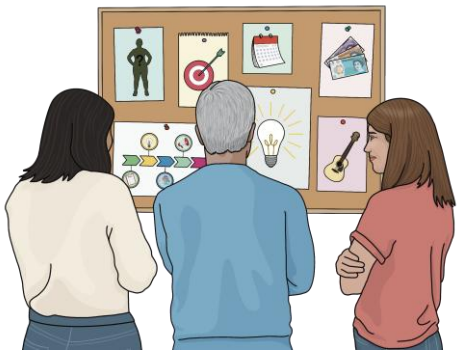
Explain how your project is **innovative**. **Innovative** means new and different.



Say how your project fits with Innovation Studio's aims.

We explain these aims at the end of this guide.

5. What does the panel think of your project as a whole?



At the end, the panel will look at the big picture.



They will think about how strong your whole application is.

This helps them decide if they feel confident giving you the money.



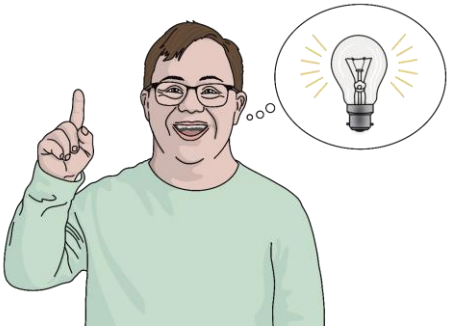
Try to cover the first 4 points clearly in your application.
The panel will also think about your application as a whole when they decide.

Innovation Studio's Goals

What is Innovation Studio?



Innovation Studio is a place for RCS students and staff.



- It helps people try out creative ideas.



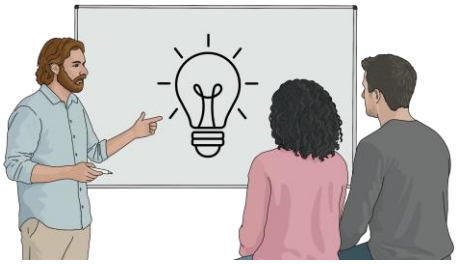
- It supports people with different skills or knowledge working together.

What Innovation Studio wants to do

Here are the things Innovation Studio tries to make happen:



- Help people inside RCS find new, creative ideas.



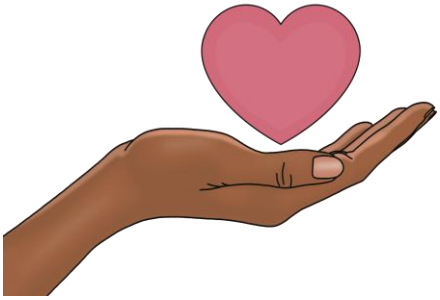
- Bring new knowledge, experts, and ideas into RCS.



- Help people to experiment and try unfamiliar or new work.



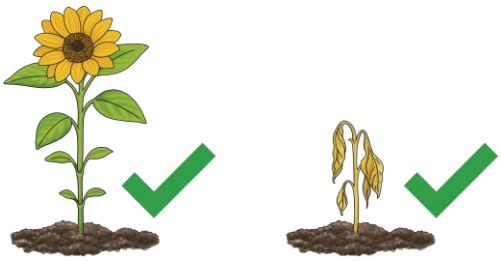
- Support people to work together across different departments or areas.



- Support new ideas that help people and communities, not just ideas that make money.



- Make sure all people at RCS can easily access Innovation Studio.



- Be okay with not always knowing how things will turn out – trying new things, even if they might fail.



- Keep listening to feedback: what people need, how things are working, and change when needed.