# **SUNY Summer Startup School** Lean LaunchPad and Customer Discovery

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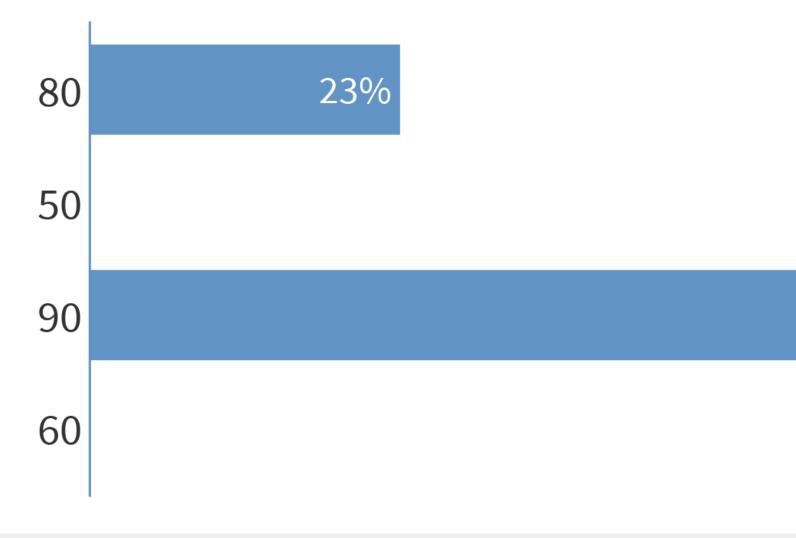
#### How many startups are formed

1100

110

11000

#### What percent of startup:





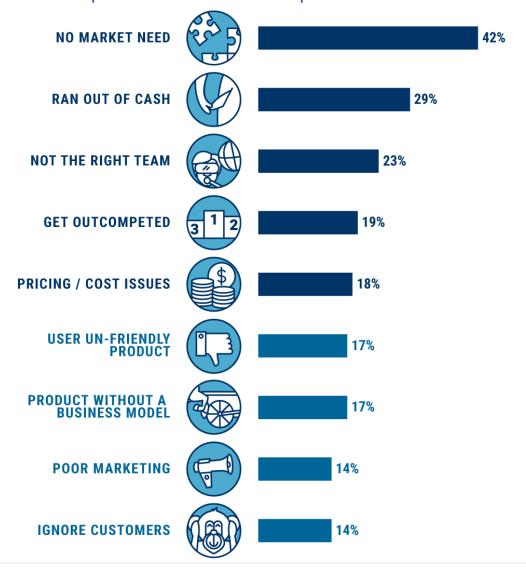
### Why do most startups fail?



#### Why do most startups

underestimating

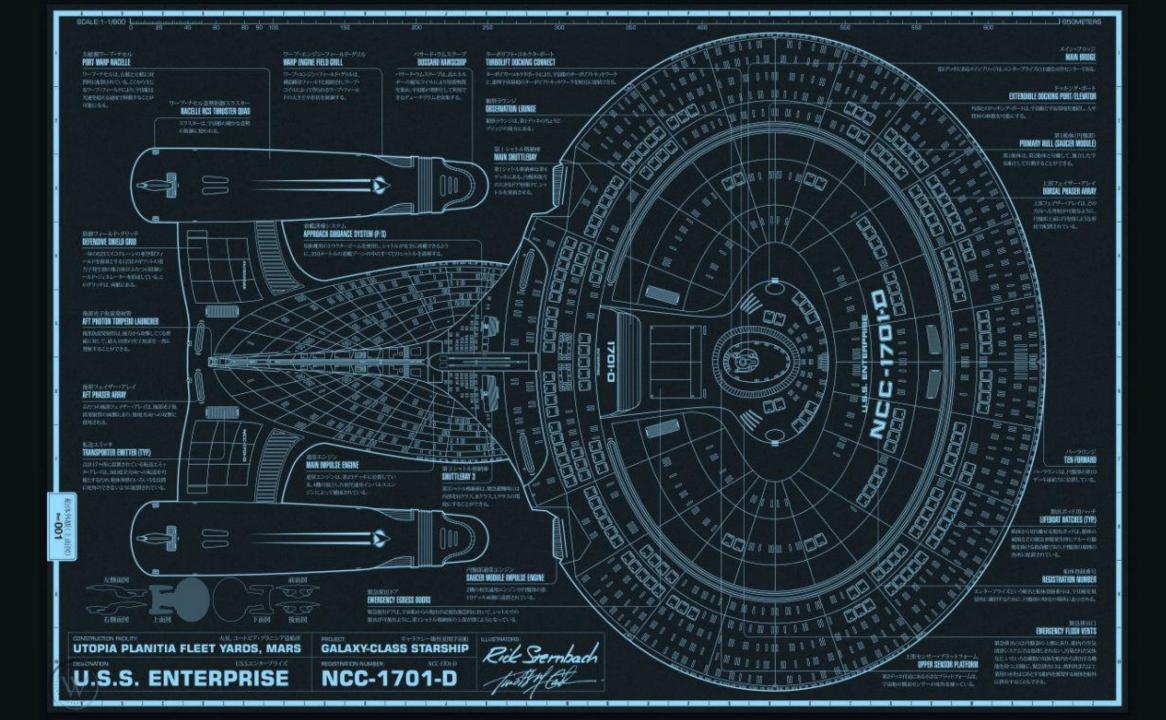
### Top 20 Reasons Startups Fail



















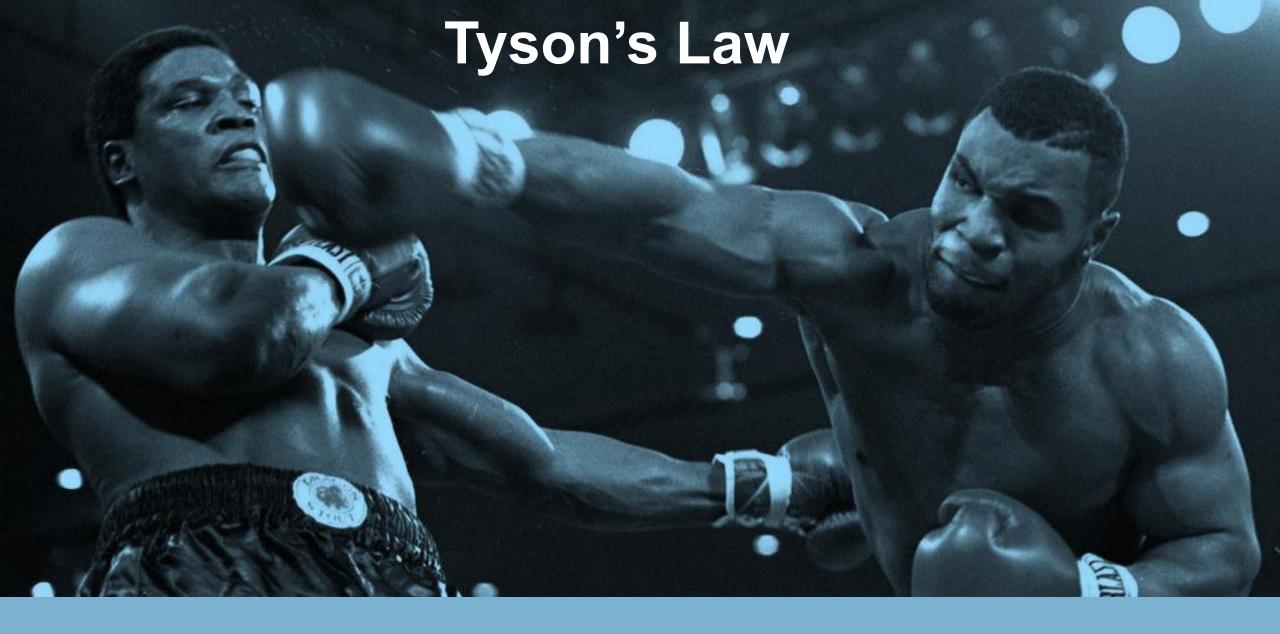








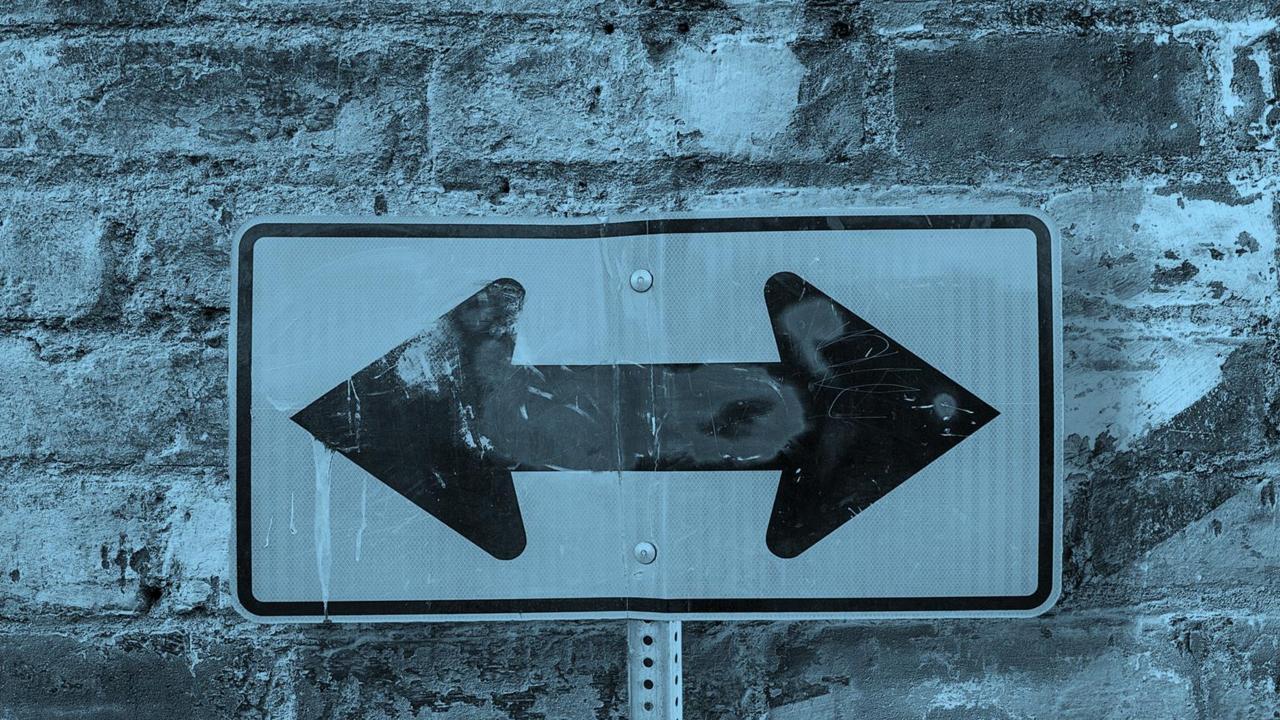




Everyone has a plan until they get punched in the mouth

## No business plan survives first contact with a customer





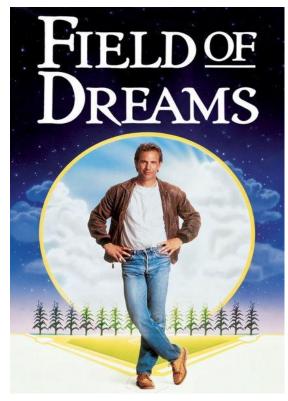






## Too many entrepreneurs operate on faith-based entrepreneurship











## DON'T FIND CUSTOMERS FOR YOUR PRODUCT. FIND PRODUCTS FOR YOUR CUSTOMERS. - SETH GODIN







### **FAILURE Stories**









- Raised over \$100MM USD in 2001
- Used funds to focus on tech development
- Thought everyone would want one
- Projections:10,000 Segways per week





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### How many Segways do you think we week?

"4"

"3"

"10 per month"











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After 2 years they sold 6,000 TOTAL Segways

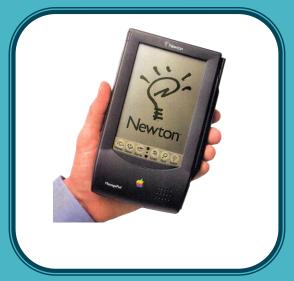




### Not only the little guys fail from a lack of customers













### The Essence of Lean







Create a sustainable and scalable business model *before* running out of resources

(cash, enthusiasm, social capital, etc.)





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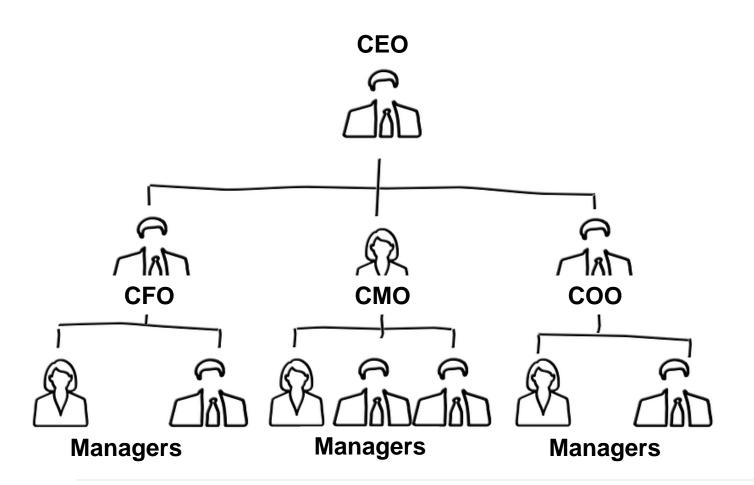
#### What is a startup?

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#### What is the difference between a start



### What is a STARTUP?



It is **NOT** a scaled-down version of a larger company





### **STARTUP**

A temporary organization designed to search for a repeatable and scalable business model

A startup aims to become a company







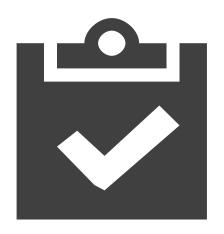
### STARTUPS vs. COMPANIES



**STARTUPS** 

Begin with a series of unknowns (mostly)

THEY SEARCH



**EXISTING COMPANIES** 

Deal with execution of knowns (mostly)

THEY EXECUTE

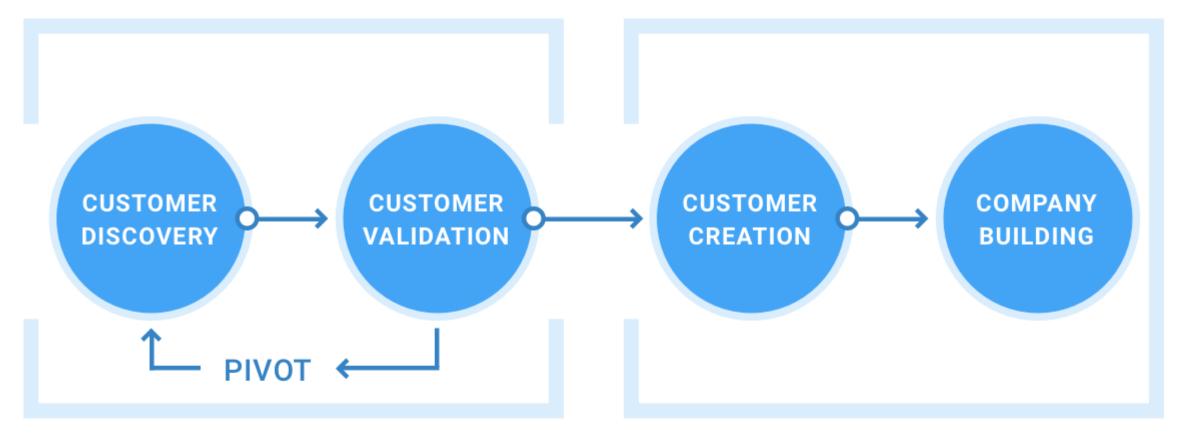






# FOUNDERS RUN A CUSTOMER DEVELOPMENT TEAM

- ✓ No sales
- ✓ No marketing
- ✓ No business development



**SEARCH** 

#### **EXECUTION**



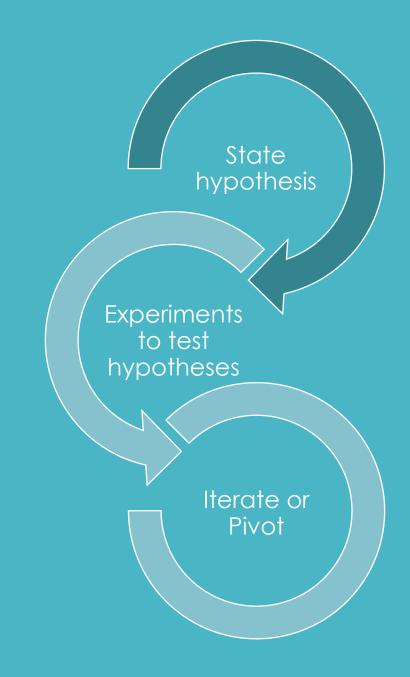


### Customer Discovery



### Customer Discovery and the Scientific Method





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Customers want your technology





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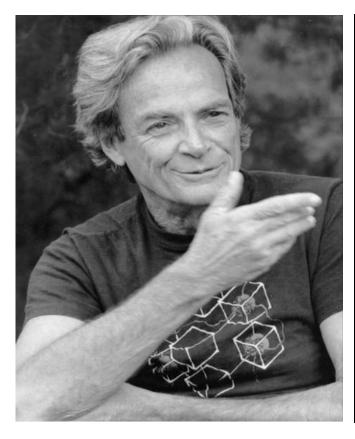
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#### REALITY

Customers want their problems solved & to receive value from your product









"The first principle is that you must not fool yourself, and you are the easiest person to fool."

- Richard Feynman





# Test assumptions about your Business Model





# Test assumptions about your Customers





# Test assumptions about your Customers' Problems













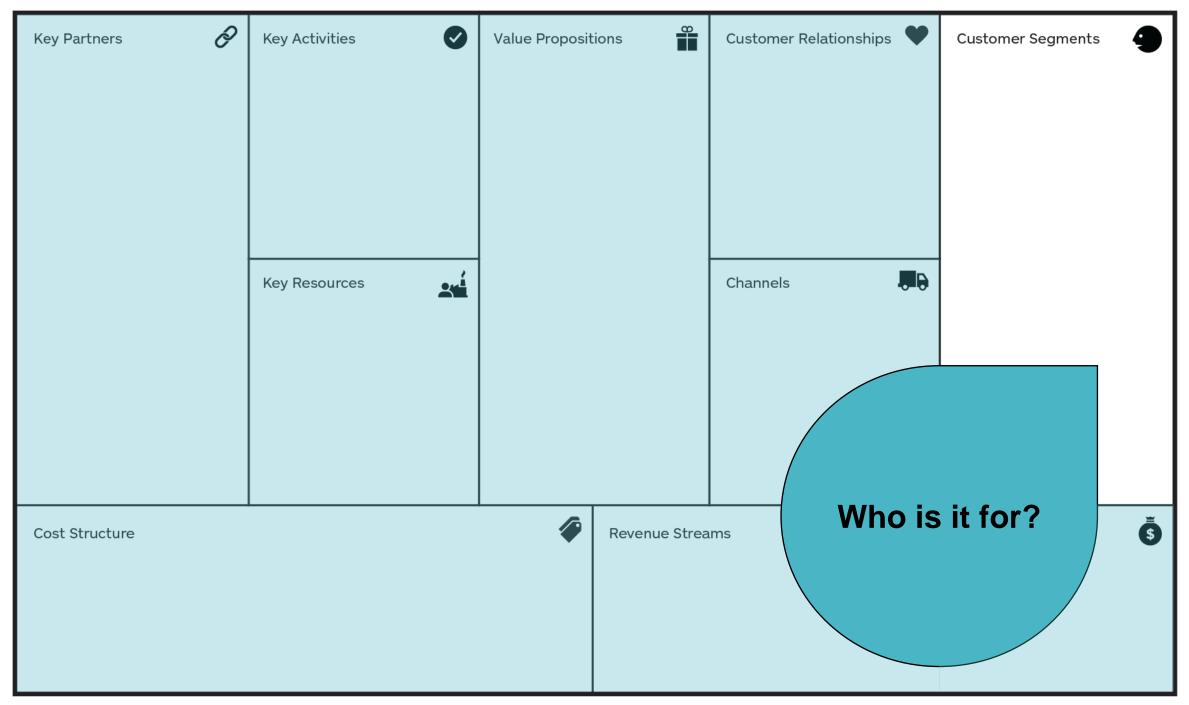
## Tools for Customer Discovery: Business Model Canvas



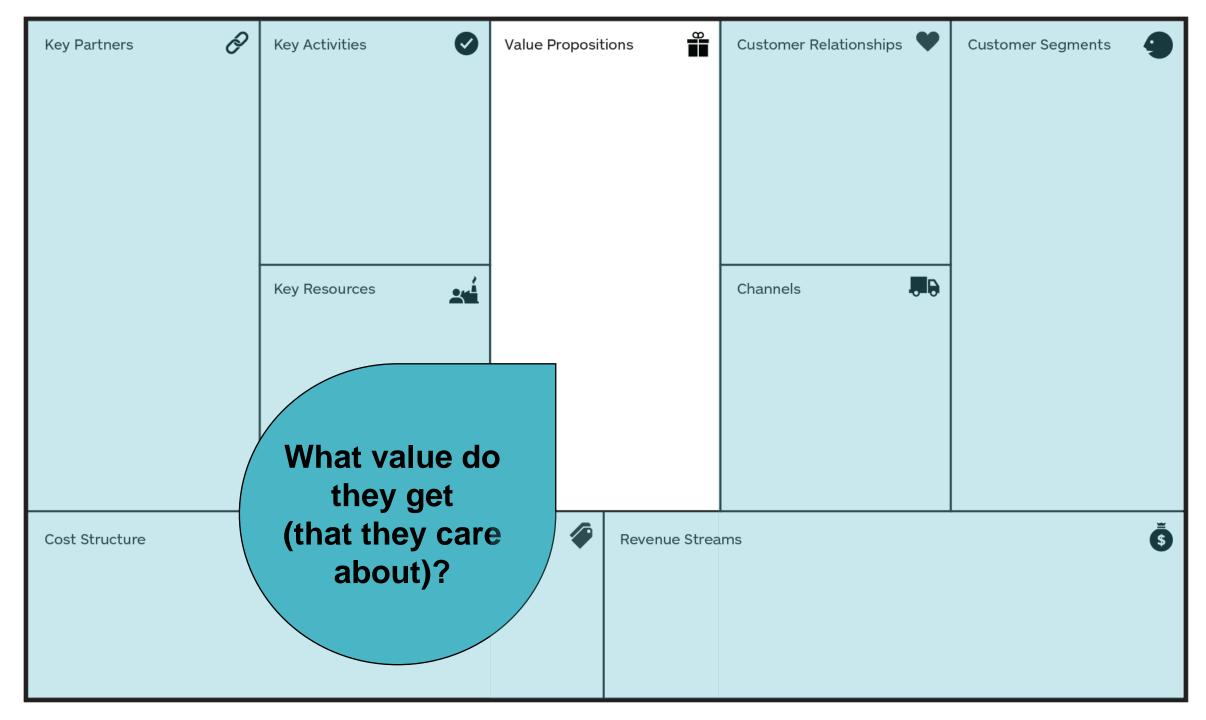


Key Partners	Key Activities	Value Proposi	tions 🙃	Customer Relationships	Customer Segments	9
	Key Resources	1		Channels		
Cost Structure			Revenue Streams			

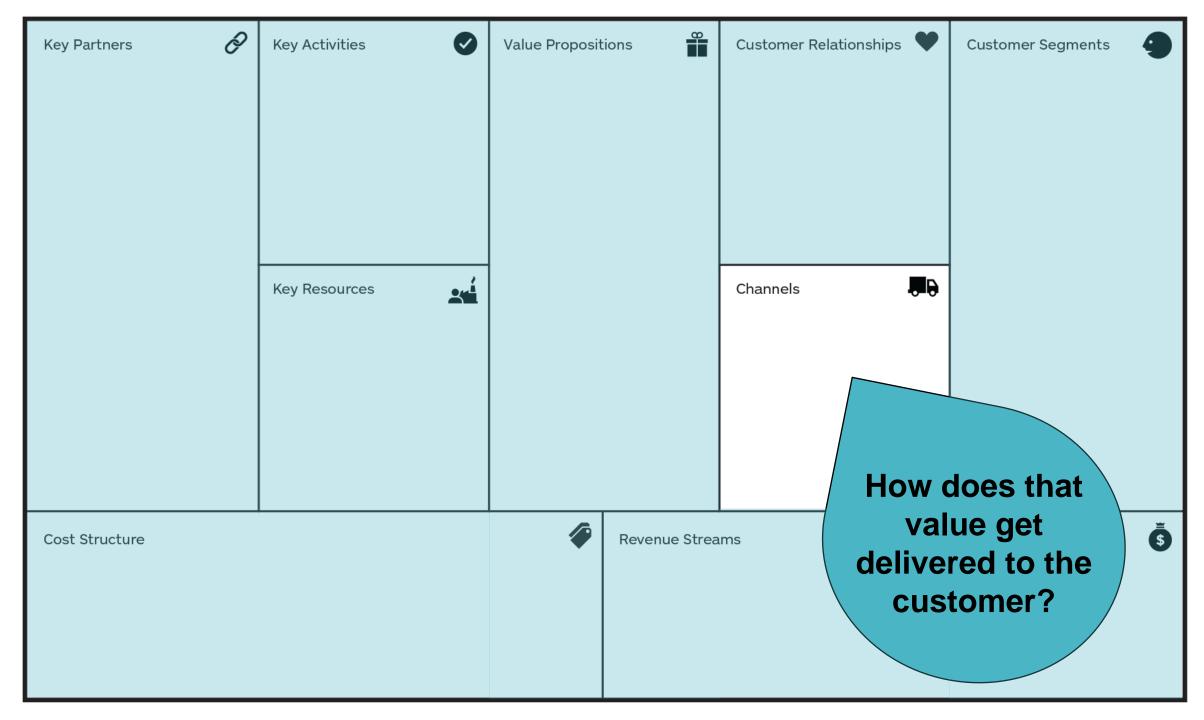




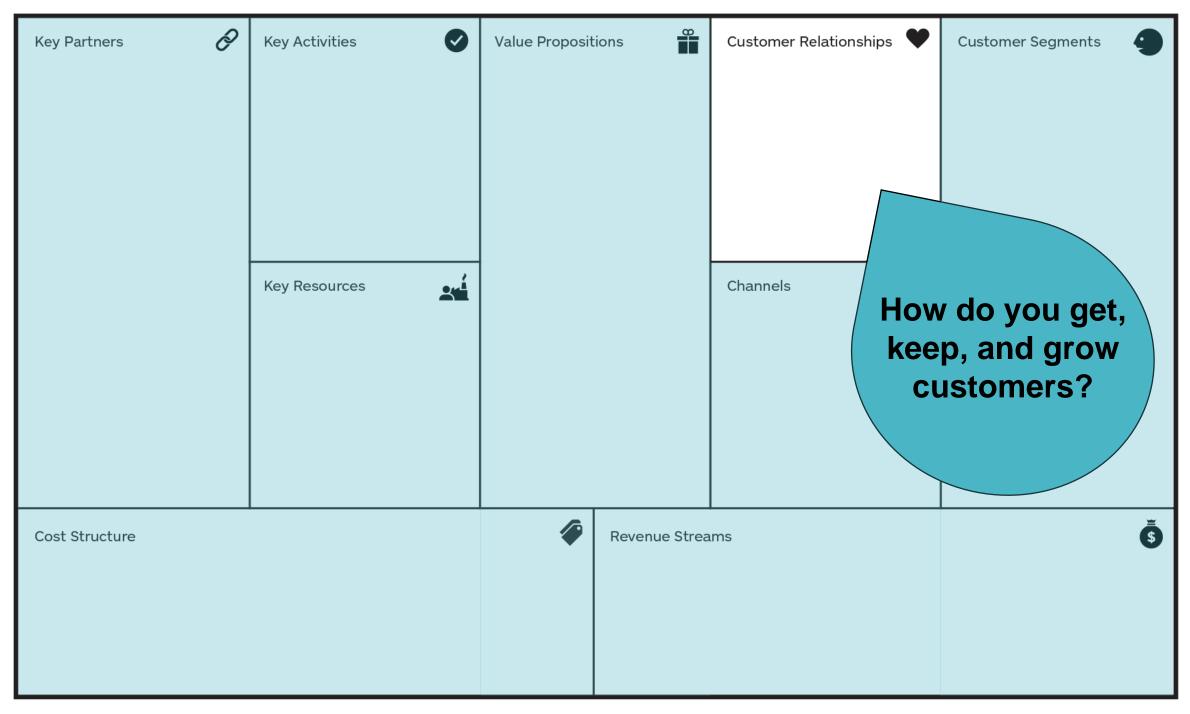




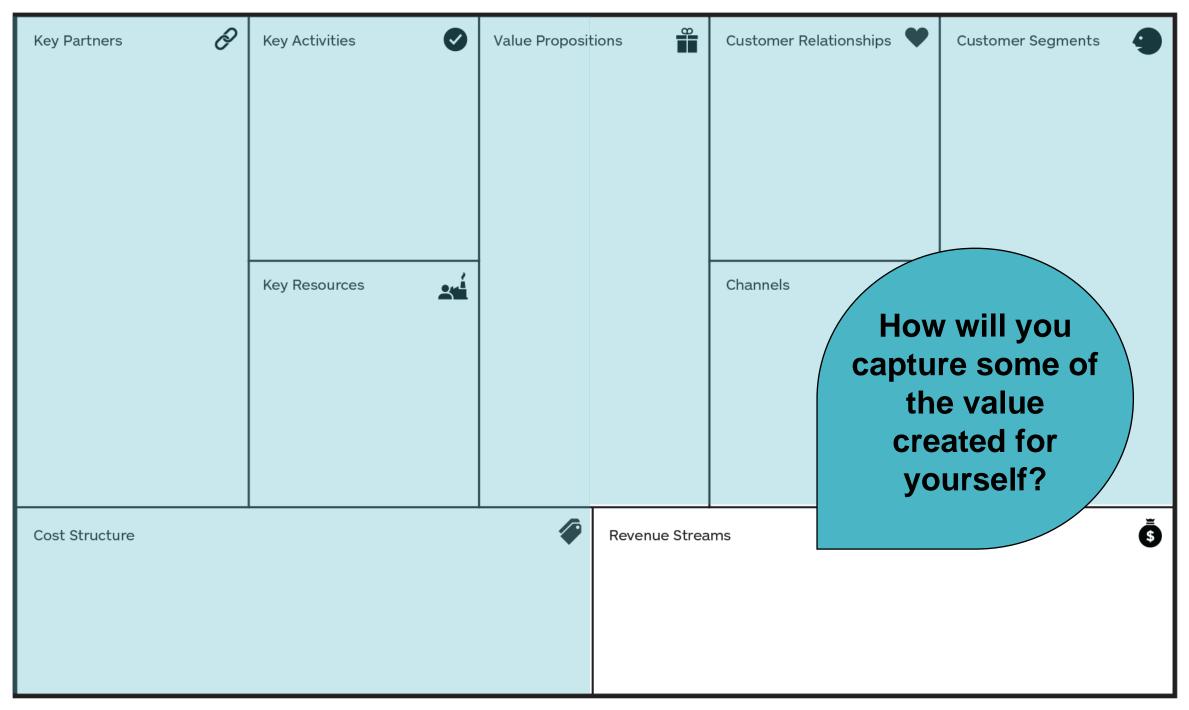




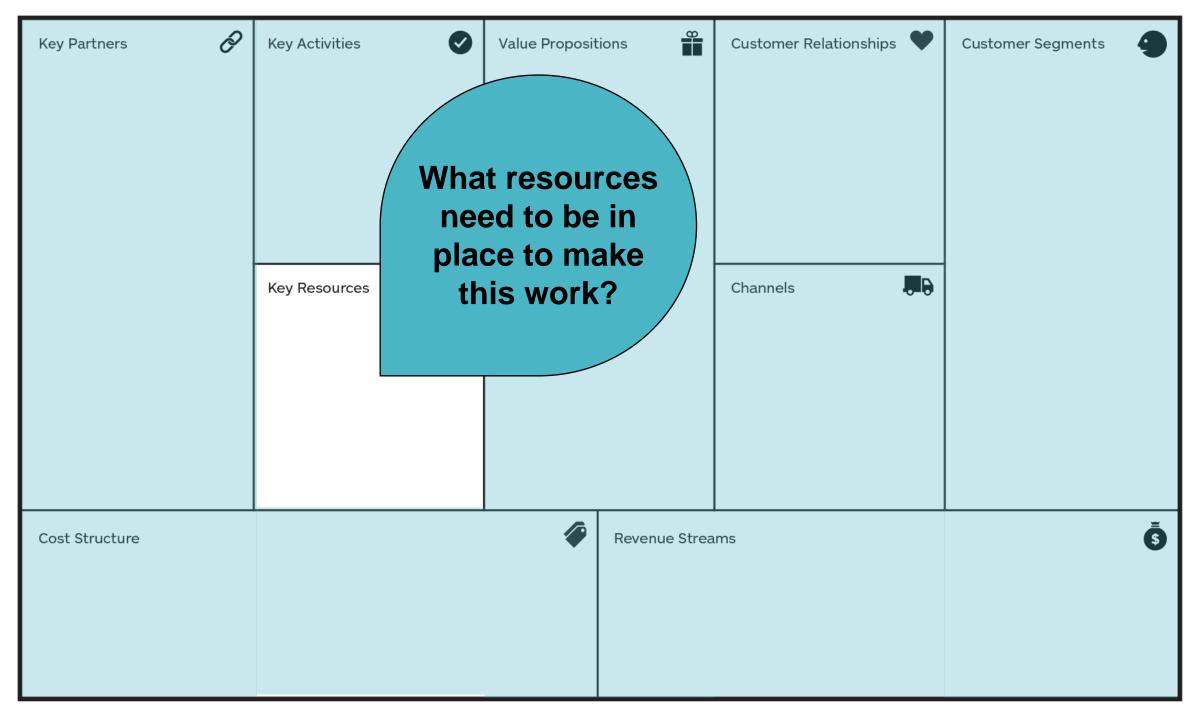




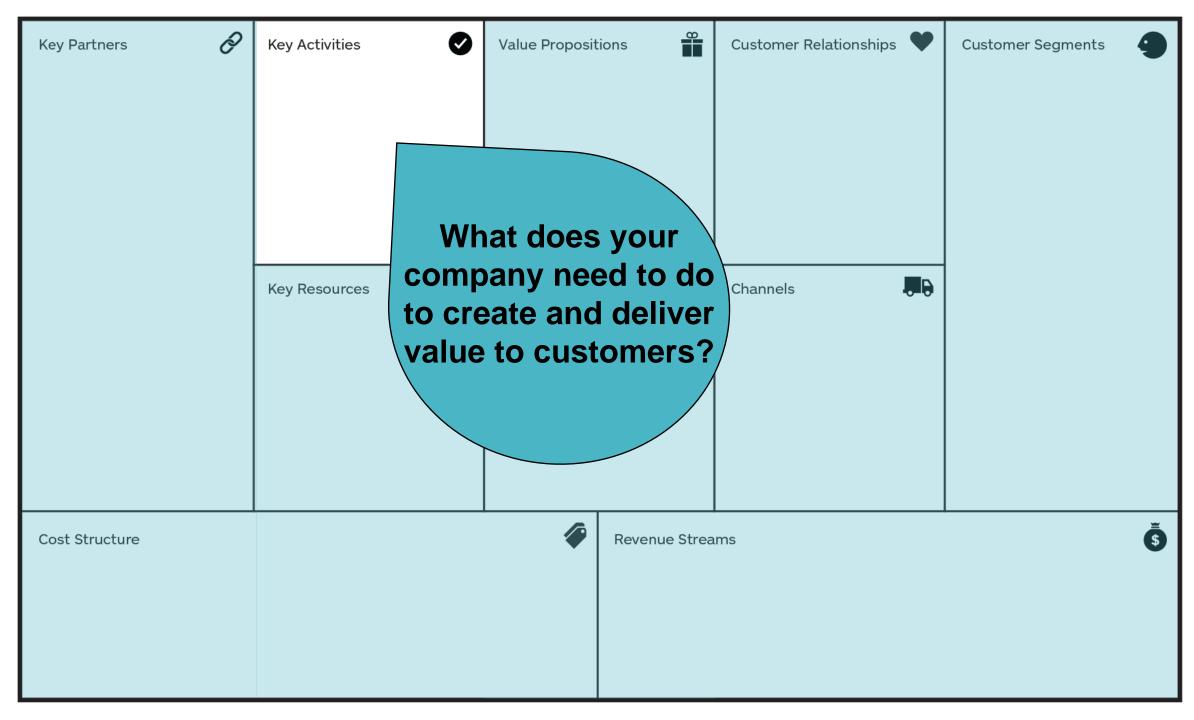








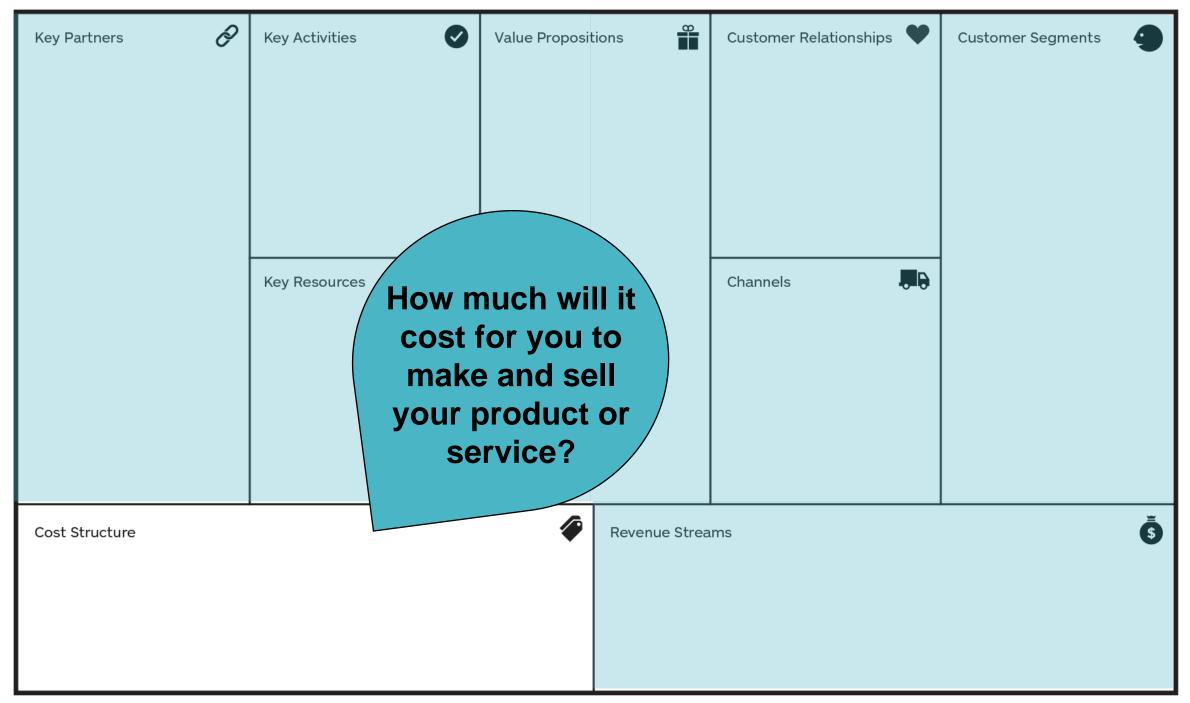




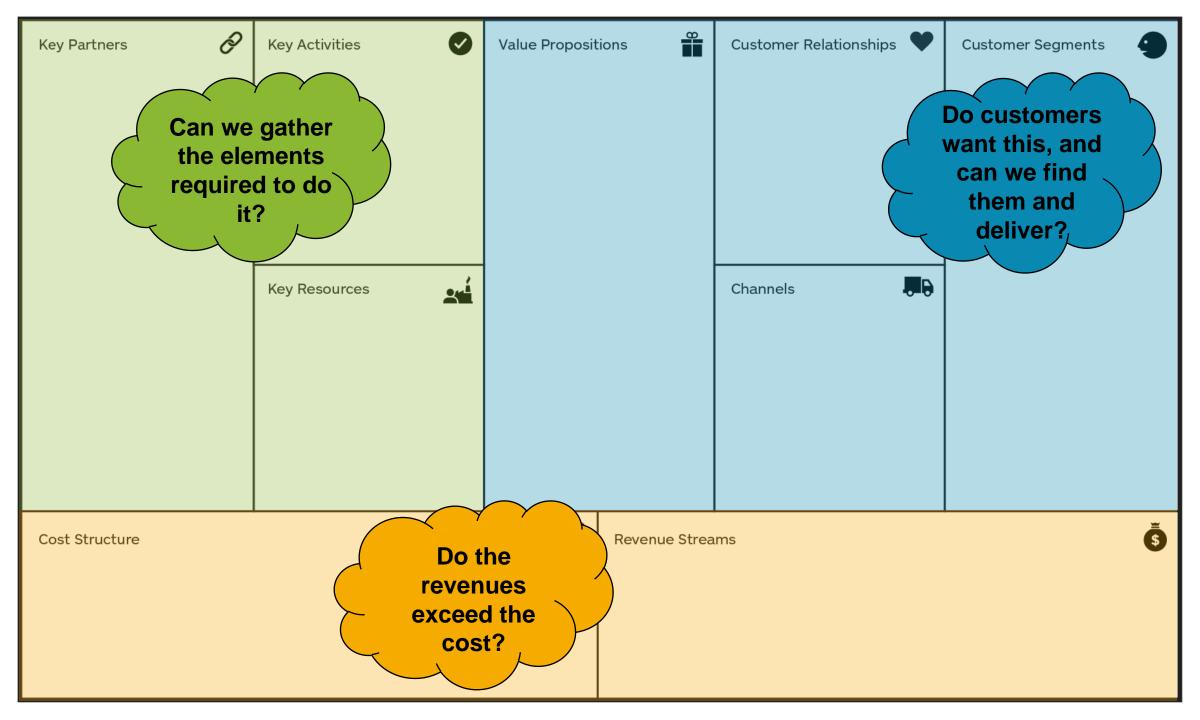




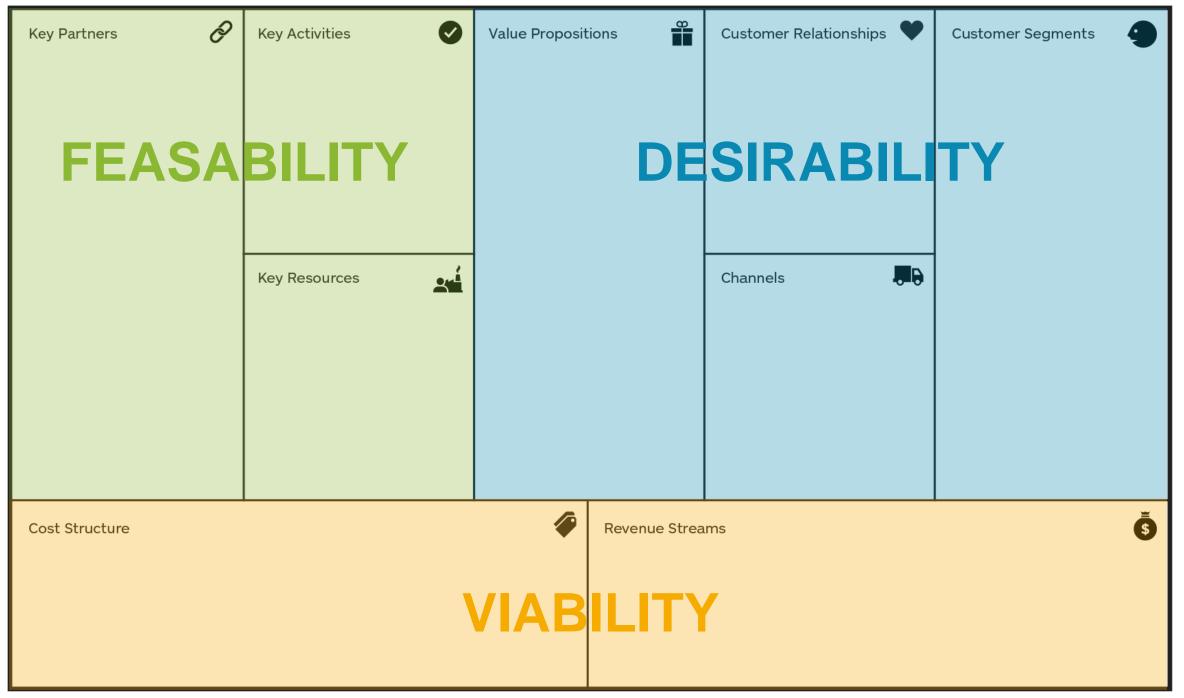














### enough people care about





### Use Customer Discovery to FAIL FAST and STAY LEAN









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### Advertised spare room with air







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### System used within one company SMS to one number that would be

### WHERE TO START???



### National Science Foundation Innovation Corps



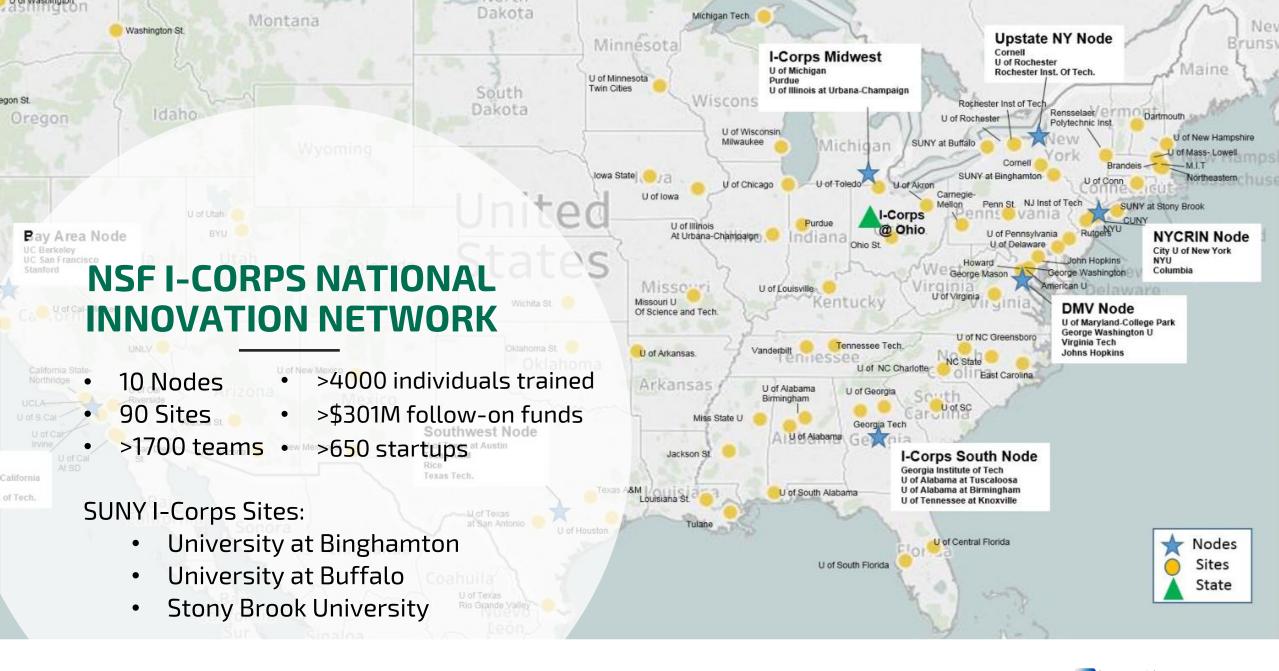






### **NSF I-Corps**

- Launched in 2011
- Steve Blank and the Lean Launchpad
- Scientific method and Customer Discovery
  - Propose and test business hypotheses
  - Get out of the building to talk with prospective customers and partners
  - Use interviews analyze productmarket fit











#### June 29<sup>th</sup> – July 21<sup>st</sup>

- Month-long course
- Weekly virtual workshops
- Basics of customer discovery
- Conduct 20 customer discovery interviews
- Funding upon completion of the course for customer discovery (conferences, trade shows, etc)





#### **I-CORPS TEAMS: NATIONAL**

- Intensive 7-week national cohort for top teams from across the US
- \$50,000 to do 100+ customer discovery interviews
- Personalized instruction and team mentoring from successful entrepreneurs