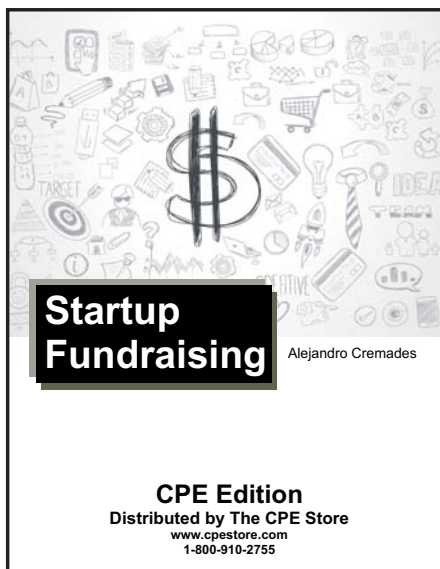


Startup Fundraising

Course Instructions and Final Examination



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Course Objectives

After completing this course, you will be able to:

- Identify the first digital, invitation-only network for a select group of angel investors
- Select a trait of the best entrepreneurs
- Ascertain why a background in sales can give a startup founder an advantage
- Recognize a “con” of raising capital
- Determine the best outcome from utilizing an important advisor during startup
- Discern what turns investors off more than anything else
- Recognize what is encouraged with respect to a startup’s business plan
- Spot a startup’s key to unlocking the gates to the capital
- Pinpoint what will usually be requested first when an entrepreneur submits a fundraising request
- Recognize areas needing clarification during the investor’s due diligence process
- Identify a crucial part of the fundraising and due diligence process that is often overlooked by many founders
- Determine the best approach, from the viewpoint of the founder, to adopt toward the due diligence process
- Choose the number-one benefit of bootstrapping
- Ascertain what used to be the first place for entrepreneurs to appeal for funds
- Spot a reason venture debt is a valuable source of startup funding
- Determine who has a strategic role with a venture capital firm, mainly involving bringing new deal flow
- Recognize what compensates a VC in the amount of anywhere between 20 and 25 percent of a company’s profits
- Pinpoint what is absolutely necessary during a preliminary investment round, to indicate that a startup has direction
- Identify the individuals who focus on investing at the earliest gestation stage of a startup
- Determine the round in which institutional investors typically participate for the first time
- Choose the investment level that allows a startup to achieve the absolute minimum required to keep developing as a going concern
- Select a good way to attract investment quickly, when determining how to source and contact prospective investors
- Identify the key to successfully creating a public relations storm requires that all PR is woven with the startup’s messaging and branding
- Determine, what, according to Forbes, is a vital form of authentic content
- Choose a benefit provided by a domain expert
- Ascertain, if a founder gets involved with an unscrupulous investor, what is likely to be better insulated if the business turns bad
- Recognize when the term sheet process may be significantly simplified
- Pinpoint the ingredient that serves as a safety measure with convertible notes
- Identify the term sheet provision that is more common in later rounds of financing and tends to motivate the founder to stay on with the company
- Spot the key at the deal closing stage
- Determine what can be the death of a good business relationship
- Discern the purpose of the connection approach used by Rick Cohen of Robbins Research
- Recognize a shocking development that often occurs after startups receive funding offers
- Identify the part of the JOBS Act that really allowed startups to begin public advertising for fundraising, as highlighted in Forbes
- Pinpoint about how many Americans had access to startup investing prior to the implementation of Title III of the JOBS Act
- Choose the mechanism by which the JOBS Act created opportunities for individual investors to take control of their investments and savings
- Determine what one should always remember that is synonymous with fundraising
- Identify a proven source for funding prospective investors
- Spot a core principle used by Sam Walton when building the Walmart empire
- Ascertain what should be provided by both founder and investor

Course Instructions

To fully benefit from this course, please follow all of the steps below.

1. Read each chapter in the text to get a good understanding of the material.
2. Answer the study guide problems which appear at the end of each chapter. After answering the problems, compare your answers with the correct answers to ensure that you understand the material.

3. When you feel that you have a good understanding of the material contained in the chapter, answer the questions on the final examination.
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Final Examination

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Chapter 1 – Everything Started with Onevest

1. Which of the following is the first digital, invitation-only network for a select group of angel investors?
 - A. Onevest
 - B. 1000 Angels
 - C. CoFoundersLab
 - D. TechCrunch

Chapter 2 – Raising Capital for Your Startup

2. According to research data, venture capitalists fund about what percentage of the opportunities they review?
 - A. 2 percent
 - B. 3 percent
 - C. 10 percent
 - D. 97 percent
3. What is the real value of a company and how its investors view opportunities?
 - A. Breaking even
 - B. A solid business plan
 - C. Future value of cash flow
 - D. Proof of demand
4. What is a trait of the best entrepreneurs?
 - A. They are incredible salespeople
 - B. Their messaging has seamless synergy
 - C. They are the best visionaries
 - D. They focus on technical information
5. Of the following, which explains why a background in sales can give a startup founder an advantage?
 - A. Fundraising can take longer than expected
 - B. Salespeople are experienced in storytelling
 - C. Important assets of founders are their contacts and people's attention
 - D. Salespeople are trained to embrace rejection
6. What is a "con" of raising capital?
 - A. It can be critical for staying afloat
 - B. It results in shared control
 - C. Funds are needed to improve the product or service
 - D. It can amplify success

Chapter 3 – Setting Yourself Up for Success

7. The running of a business can be boiled down to which of the following?
 - A. Masterful execution
 - B. Business preparation
 - C. Corporate structure
 - D. Good management

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8. What is the best outcome from utilizing an important advisor during startup?
 - A. The advisor may invest and even lead a round
 - B. He or she may help the founder for free
 - C. They can open doors to potential investors
 - D. It can cut down on consulting fees
9. What turns off investors more than anything else?
 - A. Lack of a business plan
 - B. Differences of opinion on strategy
 - C. A hesitant or unsure presentation
 - D. A founder's claim that he or she has no competition

Chapter 4 – Crafting the Pitch

10. Which statement is true with respect to a startup's business plan?
 - A. Do not invest in a business plan since it is an antiquated formality
 - B. Prepare a business plan that is realistic and does not oversell
 - C. Prepare an 18-month plan reflecting execution strategy utilizing raised capital
 - D. Create a comprehensive business plan covering 36 months
11. What is a startup's key to unlocking the gates to capital?
 - A. Team alignment
 - B. Elevator pitch
 - C. Clear vision
 - D. Competitive advantage
12. What will usually be requested first when an entrepreneur submits a fundraising request?
 - A. Pitch deck
 - B. Business plan
 - C. One-page executive summary
 - D. Mission statement

Chapter 5 – The Due Diligence Package

13. What is not an area needing clarification during the investor's due diligence process?
 - A. The product
 - B. Investor profile
 - C. The deal
 - D. People
14. What is a crucial part of the fundraising and due diligence process that is often overlooked by founders?
 - A. References and background checks
 - B. How much shares should be worth at each stage
 - C. Confidentiality agreements
 - D. Consultation with legal counsel
15. From the viewpoint of the founder, which of the following is the best approach to adopt toward the due diligence process?
 - A. View it as the most important step in the fundraising process
 - B. Exhaust all available energy in the preparation of due diligence materials
 - C. Do not let the process stall the startup's momentum
 - D. Realize that the process is a relationship test on the investor's turf

Chapter 6 – Sources of Capital

16. What is the number-one benefit of bootstrapping?
 - A. Spartan lifestyle
 - B. It appeals to investors
 - C. No requirement for reporting to investors
 - D. A new appreciation for everything

17. What used to be the first place for entrepreneurs to appeal for funds?
- Small business loans
 - Family offices
 - Friends and family
 - Credit cards
18. Why is venture debt a valuable source of startup funding?
- It is provided an exemption under the Dodd-Frank Act
 - There is no dilution of equity
 - It is perhaps the most commonly sought-after type of capital by founders
 - It fills the gap between friends and family, and more formal venture capital funds

Chapter 7 – Understanding the VC Game

19. Who has a strategic role with a venture capital firm, mainly involving bringing new deal flow?
- Limited partners
 - Venture partners
 - Principals
 - Partners
20. What compensates a VC in the amount of anywhere between 20 and 25 percent of a company's profits?
- Carried interest
 - Exit fee
 - Management fee
 - Rate of return

Chapter 8 – Investment Rounds Explained

21. During a preliminary investment round, what is absolutely necessary in order to indicate a startup has direction?
- Cost assessment
 - Developed concept
 - Product development plan for future rounds
 - Target marketplace
22. What term is used for individuals who focus on investing at the earliest gestation stage of a startup?
- Accelerators
 - Micro venture capitalists
 - Incubators
 - Angel investors
23. In what round do institutional investors typically participate for the first time?
- Bridge round
 - Series A
 - Micro seed investment
 - Series B
24. Which investment round is the first step to opening up a company to public investment?
- Series C
 - Series B
 - IPO
 - Series

D

Chapter 9 – Deciding Investment Amounts and Prospects

25. What investment level allows a startup to achieve the absolute minimum required to keep developing as a going concern?
- Needed
 - Realistic
 - Subjective
 - Ideal

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26. When determining how to source and contact prospective investors, what is a fantastic way to attract investment quickly?
- A. Attend events
 - B. Utilize LinkedIn
 - C. Approach advisors and mentors
 - D. Crowdsourcing

Chapter 10 – PR: Creating a Storm and Building Momentum

27. What key to successfully creating a public relations storm requires that all PR is woven with the startup's messaging and branding?
- A. Efficiency
 - B. Synergy
 - C. Outreach
 - D. Timing
28. According to *Forbes*, what is a vital form of authentic content?
- A. Blogging
 - B. Sponsorship
 - C. Social media
 - D. Press release

Chapter 11 – What to Look for in an Investor

29. What is a benefit provided by a domain expert?
- A. Investor connections
 - B. Financial strength
 - C. Fresh perspective
 - D. Celebrity sponsorship
30. If a founder gets involved with an unscrupulous investor, who is likely to be better insulated if the business turns bad?
- A. The entrepreneur
 - B. The investor
 - C. The business
 - D. All parties will be equally harmed

Chapter 12 – Term Sheets and Terms

31. When may the term sheet process be significantly simplified?
- A. When using a third-party portal
 - B. During seed rounds
 - C. When the founder prepares the term sheet
 - D. Series A and beyond
32. With convertible notes, which ingredient serves as a safety measure?
- A. The interest given to the investor
 - B. Valuation cap
 - C. Maturity date
 - D. Discount on the valuation
33. What term sheet provision is more common in later rounds of financing, and tends to motivate the founder to stay on with the company?
- A. Antidilution
 - B. Investment tranches
 - C. Cosale limitations
 - D. Consent to sell

34. A rule of thumb is that each round of financing will result in a founder receiving what percentage of dilution?
- A. 5 percent
 - B. 10 percent
 - C. 15 percent
 - D. 20 percent

Chapter 13 – Closing the Deal

35. What is key at the deal closing stage?
- A. Vigilance
 - B. Weighing options
 - C. Forethought
 - D. Urgency
36. What can be the death of a good business relationship?
- A. Completion schedule
 - B. An unequal agreement in principle
 - C. Expectations
 - D. Post-closing communication

Chapter 14 – Avoiding Common Fundraising Mistakes

37. What is the purpose of the connection approach used by Rick Cohen of Robbins Research?
- A. To test an entrepreneur's grit and innovation
 - B. Using the introduction as social proof
 - C. To dismiss startups that don't meet his criteria
 - D. To provide valuable feedback
38. After startups receive funding offers, what is a shocking development that often occurs?
- A. Founders insist on taking the time to review each clause in the offering documents
 - B. Many startups cannot offer a return for a full year or two
 - C. The founders sabotage their investments
 - D. Founders don't ask other startups about their failures and mistakes

Chapter 15 – Understanding the JOBS Act

39. As highlighted in *Forbes*, what part of the JOBS Act really allowed startups to begin public advertising for fundraising?
- A. Title I
 - B. Title II
 - C. Title III
 - D. Title IV
40. Prior to the implementation of Title III of the JOBS Act, about how many Americans had access to startup investing?
- A. 8 million
 - B. 15 million
 - C. 50 million
 - D. 300 million
41. By what mechanism did the JOBS Act create opportunities for individual investors to take control of their investments and savings?
- A. Angel investing
 - B. Crowdfunding portals
 - C. Utilization of Regulation A+
 - D. Public solicitations from private companies

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Chapter 16 – Recommended Tools for Fundraising

42. According to the text, one should always remember that _____ is synonymous with fundraising.
- A. Sales
 - B. Task management
 - C. Innovation
 - D. Opportunity
43. Which of the following is a proven source for finding prospective investors?
- A. ToutApp
 - B. Upwork
 - C. Crowdsourcing websites
 - D. Manta

Chapter 17 – Red Flags

44. What was a core principle used by Sam Walton when building the Walmart empire?
- A. Avoid using buzzwords when speaking with investors
 - B. Blind optimism will not support a sustainable startup
 - C. Too many team members at the beginning can be problematic
 - D. Control costs better than the competition
45. What should be provided by both founder and investor?
- A. Traction and momentum
 - B. Delivery of substance
 - C. Skin in the game
 - D. Technical development and maintenance

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