

Hiring Execution & Talent Efficiency Audit

FastGrow Startup

Level 2: Diagnostic + Design Report

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OVERALL HIRING HEALTH	
Status	
Confidence Score	24/100

Executive Summary

The audit identified **critical structural issues** in FastGrow Startup's hiring execution system. 7 out of 7 audit blocks show RED status, indicating systemic failures that require immediate attention. Without intervention, hiring outcomes will remain unpredictable and costly.

Key Findings

- Critical failure in Executive Ownership requires immediate attention
- Critical failure in TA Leadership requires immediate attention
- Critical failure in Delivery Leadership requires immediate attention
- Critical failure in Financial Governance requires immediate attention
- Critical failure in Technical Interviewing requires immediate attention

Priority Risks

- **Ownership Gap: No clear accountability for hiring outcomes**
- **Interview Bottleneck: Delivery capacity constraints slow hiring**
- **Operational Fragility: Hero-based execution creates key-person risk**

Audit Block Overview

Block	Function	Status	Key Signal
Block 1: Executive Ownership	GATEKEEPER	● CRITICAL	Governance clarity
Block 2: TA Leadership	EXECUTION BRAIN	● CRITICAL	Capacity alignment
Block 3: Delivery Leadership	DEMAND INTEGRITY	● CRITICAL	Feedback discipline
Block 4: Financial Governance	COST CONTROL	● CRITICAL	Budget transparency
Block 5: Technical Interviewing	BOTTLENECK LAYER	● CRITICAL	Evaluation standards
Block 6: Recruitment Operations	STABILITY FOUNDATION	● CRITICAL	Process stability
Block 7: Reporting & AI	SYSTEMIC MULTIPLIER	● CRITICAL	Data reliability

■ Gate Failures Detected

- **GATE 0 FAILURE:** Executive ownership absent - overall system compromised
- **GATE 1 FAILURE:** TA Leadership ungoverned - execution will fail
- **GATE 1 FAILURE:** Financial governance broken - costs uncontrolled

Detailed Block Findings

Block 1: Executive Ownership & Governance

Status: CRITICAL

Findings:

- Hiring ownership clarity assessed
- Planning discipline evaluated
- Executive visibility reviewed

Risks Identified:

- Ownership gap may cause accountability vacuum

Block 2: TA Leadership & Capacity

Status: CRITICAL

Findings:

- TA operating model assessed
- Capacity planning maturity evaluated
- SLA discipline reviewed

Risks Identified:

- Capacity blindness may cause overload

Block 3: Delivery & Hiring Leadership

Status: CRITICAL

Findings:

- Interview capacity assessed
- Feedback timeliness evaluated
- Requirement stability reviewed

Risks Identified:

- Interview bottleneck may slow hiring

Block 4: Financial Governance

Status: CRITICAL

Findings:

- TA budget ownership assessed
- Cost visibility evaluated
- Budget-plan alignment reviewed

Risks Identified:

- Financial opacity may cause cost overruns

Block 5: Technical Interviewing**Status: CRITICAL****Findings:**

- Interviewer pool structure assessed
- Evaluation criteria standardization evaluated
- Feedback quality reviewed

Risks Identified:

- Evaluation inconsistency may cause false negatives

Block 6: Recruitment Operations**Status: CRITICAL****Findings:**

- Process documentation assessed
- ATS discipline evaluated
- Operational resilience reviewed

Risks Identified:

- Key-person dependency creates fragility

Block 7: Reporting, Data & AI**Status: CRITICAL****Findings:**

- Reporting maturity assessed
- Data integrity evaluated
- AI governance reviewed

Risks Identified:

- Data unreliability undermines all metrics

Recommendations

Quick Wins (Week 1-2)

- ✓ Designate interim hiring owner (CEO/COO) for 90 days
Owner: CEO | Effort: 1 day
- ✓ Add hiring status to weekly leadership agenda
Owner: COO/EA | Effort: 2 hours
- ✓ Count active roles per recruiter and set max threshold
Owner: TA Lead | Effort: 4 hours
- ✓ Block 4 interview slots per week for key interviewers
Owner: Delivery | Effort: 1 day
- ✓ Set 24-hour feedback SLA with automated reminders
Owner: TA Ops | Effort: 2 hours

Structural Changes (Month 1-3)

- Define RACI matrix for hiring decisions
Owner: HR + Business | Effort: 1 week
- Build capacity model by role complexity
Owner: TA Ops | Effort: 2 weeks
- Implement SLA dashboard visible to all stakeholders
Owner: TA + IT | Effort: 2 weeks
- Create standardized evaluation scorecard template
Owner: Engineering | Effort: 4 hours
- Establish monthly Hiring Governance Forum
Owner: COO | Effort: 2 weeks

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