ideas42 Ventures, Ventures for Shared Prosperity

Entrepreneur Application Questionnaire

# Instructions

## Completing the application

Please fill in your answers to the questions below where you see *Your answers here.* You can check your word counts by selecting your answer and going to **Tools > Word Count**. You might find it useful to turn on **Display word count while typing** in the Word Count dialog.

## Submitting the application

Once you’re ready to submit your application, here’s what to do:

1. Save this document as a PDF by going to **File > Download > PDF**
2. Click [**here**](https://20130424193759_th8ernapwzwxc5cl.applytojob.com/apply/2sPZGJwxF1/Entrepreneur-Ventures-For-Shared-Prosperity) to go to our online application. On this page, you’ll answer a few demographic questions and then upload your questionnaire.

# Part 1: Motivation

We are asking the following questions to get an understanding of your motivation for applying to the ideas42 Venture Studio. We also want to gain an understanding of your interest in or experience with our area of focus. Before completing this section, we ask that you follow [**this link**](https://www.ideas42ventures.com/ventures-for-shared-prosperity/focus-area/) to learn more about the chosen focus area, The Excess Costs of Poverty.

## Q1: Why are you applying to join the ideas42 Venture Studio? (max. 150 words)

*Your answer here.*

## Q2: What about starting a business and being a founder excites you? What are some concerns or initial hesitations you have? (max. 150 words)

*Your answer here.*

## Q3: The area of focus for this venture studio cohort is The Excess Costs of Poverty. What direct or lived experiences have you had that have shaped your understanding of poverty in the US and that motivate you to work on this issue? (max. 200 words)

*Your answer here.*

## Q4: Think about a community that matters to you, whose members face [The Excess Costs of Poverty](https://www.ideas42ventures.com/ventures-for-shared-prosperity/focus-area/). This community can be large, small, geographically based, or online. Please give 1-2 examples of the ways that members of this community face The Excess Costs of Poverty? What about this topic is most often overlooked from your perspective? (max. 200 words)

*Your answer here.*

# Part 2: Social Impact

We are asking the following questions to get an understanding of your interest in social issues (problems that affect a large number of individuals in society) and social impact work. You are able to use this opportunity to write about social issues you care about.

## Q5: Tell us about your personal interest in a social issue. It can be any social issue, as long as it matters to you.

### Q5a: What is the social issue and why did you feel it is important? (200 words)

*Your answer here.*

### Q5b: Have you done work around solving this issue in the past, and if so what have you done? (Feel free to consider work you’ve done in your personal or professional life or in volunteer work.) If not, what would you like to do? (max. 200 words)

*Your answer here.*

## Q6: If you could give $500,000 to any 2-5 individuals or organizations who/what would you choose, how would you divide the money, and why? (max. 200 words)

*Your answer here.*

# Part 3: Past Experience

## Q7 (Optional): Outside of what you have shared here so far, are there any professional or personal experiences that you have had that make you a particularly good candidate to start a business through this venture studio? Please note that you will also have the opportunity to submit a resume, portfolio, or LinkedIn profile when submitting your application. (max. 200 words)

*Your answer here.*