

# VIDYA KAIPA

## Innovation Strategist

I'm a design-focused innovation strategist whose passion is combining design thinking with a global perspective to create sustainable long-term solutions. I have extensive experience in the startup ecosystem, both running an accelerator and using growth hacker techniques to build companies, and have worked closely with corporate clients to deliver high-caliber solutions.

Working with Idea Couture's Global Strategy team as an Innovation Analyst is a tremendous opportunity to evolve my entrepreneurial background and my penchant for comprehensive project management, creative problem-solving, strong client relationships, and dynamic process development. Below are a few examples of my skills most relevant to position of Innovation Analyst.

I'm excited to continue my trend of connecting those who can with those who do and providing them the tools and expertise needed to do their job well. I look forward to hearing from you!

# RESEARCH EXPERIENCE



## MentorCloud (Competitive Analysis)

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Examined competitive landscape, developed qualitative and quantitative measurements to determine company success, and wrote reports advising company on marketing and sales strategy.



## *The Connected Age* (Published Book)

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Researched and wrote comprehensive reports on economic philosophy, international affairs, and structural change for Mastek CEO Sudhakar Ram. Book released in 2014.



## *Why Youth Don't Vote* (Thesis)

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Completed honors thesis dissecting young voter turnout, sociopolitical trends in political participation, and related economic factors while studying at UC Berkeley and University of Cambridge.

# CLIENT EXPERIENCE



## Taproot Foundation (Nonprofit Partnerships)

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Developed partnership with the Taproot Foundation to host a series of workshops and discussions to help startups explore pro bono volunteering. Sponsored Taproot at events.



## Runway Incubator (For-Profit Partnerships)

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Developed partnerships with every major startup-related meetup group in the Bay Area to create independent pipeline of events, workshops, and panels, earning Runway \$7K/month.



## SF Office of Civic Innovation (Government Partnerships)

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Supported the planning and implementation of the San Francisco Entrepreneurs-in-Residence Program at Runway and introduced EIR companies to partners within the Runway ecosystem.

## DESIGN EXPERIENCE



**MentorCloud**  
(UX / Graphics / Collateral)

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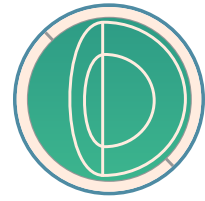
Redesigned and managed visual and written content on MentorCloud's website. Built documentation, infographics, and other graphic content for landing pages, conferences, and email campaigns.



**Runway Incubator**  
(UX / Email / Collateral)

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Developed visual content for website, email campaigns, social media, and user guides. Updated website UX. Created templates for all official documents, including slide decks, contracts, and promos.



**Freelance**  
(UX / Graphics / Collateral)

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Worked with a range of clients to utilize design thinking and UX design to reimagine marketing campaigns, website collateral, logos, and photography. Consulted on design strategy.

## MARKETING EXPERIENCE



**MentorCloud**  
(Marketing Strategy)

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Managed MentorCloud's digital existence, including website design and maintenance, social media channels, advertising, strategic outreach, and Lean Startup-inspired experiments.



**Runway Incubator**  
(Event Marketing)

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Streamlined existing marketing efforts and introduced new forms of outreach to residents and attendants of past and future events hosted at Runway. Emails had 50%+ open rate.



**Go Overseas**  
(Content Curation / Editing)

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Served as Go Overseas' Chief Editor. Established content strategy including calendars, categorization, and outreach. Determined topics for future articles, liaised with guest writers, and posted to site.