

Technology Venture Summary

Purpose

The goal of the Technology Venture Summary is to clearly articulate the focus area, status quo, existing need, opportunity, and core technology involved. The document is a one-page summary.

Evaluation Criteria

1. THE STATUS QUO

- a) **What is the high-level situation in the industry, market, or category you want to challenge?** (i.e., This is an area in which everyone seems to be stuck in the same predicament and nothing has changed in a long time.)
- b) **What are your observations of the status quo?** (i.e., Describe the assumptions and conventions that influence the way producers and consumers think about the situation you've selected.)

2. THE INSIGHT

- a) **How is the status quo frustrating the current customers?** (i.e., The small inconveniences that people have grown complacent about, and/or the big problems screaming for attention.)
- b) **What is the key insight that reveals a gap in the marketplace?** (i.e., Highlight the gap you've observed between the way something is now and the way it ought to be.)

3. THE OPPORTUNITY

- a) **What is the opportunity to fill this gap?** (i.e., Provide a sense of how this insight could be used. Note: An opportunity is not a solution. At this stage you should have identified a gap, but not necessarily the means of putting it into effect.)
- b) **What's the analogy?** (i.e., Use a familiar example from a different and non-related industry to help us understand the potential of the opportunity. For example, "We're doing for *socks* what Starbucks did for *coffee*.")

4. THE TECHNOLOGY

- a) **What is the technology at the core of this venture?**
- b) **What intellectual property (I.P.) protection exists?** (i.e., copyright, patents, etc.)