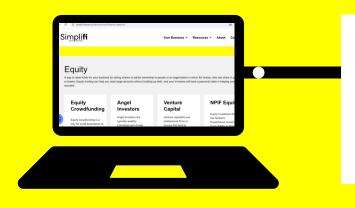
# **Equity Funding Roadmap**

## Simplifi Greater Manchester

Securing equity funding for a business involves a strategic process. Here's a roadmap that can guide you through the steps.



### **Business Plan and Preparation**

Develop a business plan that outlines your business model, market analysis, revenue projections, and growth strategy. Create financial projections, including revenue, expenses, cash flow, and valuation expectations.

#### **Market Validation**

Validate your business idea by acquiring customers or users, demonstrating demand, and showing traction in the market. Having a working prototype, initial

sales, or a minimum viable product (MVP) can increase attractiveness to investors. Understand Your Funding Needs Determine how much capital you require and for what purposes (expansion, research, marketing, etc.). Understand the equity percentage you're willing to offer in exchange for the investment.

Identify Potential Investors

Research and identify potential investors who align with your industry, stage, and funding needs. This can include venture capital firms, angel investors, crowdfunding platforms, or private equity groups. **Create a Compelling Pitch** 

Develop a concise pitch deck that highlights your business idea, market potential, traction, and financial projections. Tailor your pitch to resonate with each investor you approach.

#### **Be Persistent**

Securing equity funding can take time, persistence, and multiple rejections before finding the right investor.

#### **Stay Flexible**

Be open to feedback and adjust your pitch or strategy based on investor input.







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