

Strage Innovation Award: Help, Advice, and Support for Applicants

There are no restrictions as to the sources of advice individuals or teams may use in preparing their entries. Applicants should maintain a journal that includes a comprehensive list of advisors who have been actively involved, along with the thought processes employed in the development of the idea. This is often referred to as an inventor's notebook.

In addition to individuals who might provide advice, applicants are advised to examine other possible sources such as those listed below.

Books: There is a vast collection of books on all aspects of innovation and "how to" books on specific aspects. WPI's Gordon Library houses books that have been purchased for the Strage Innovation Creativity and Entrepreneurship (ICE), collection.

Internet: Search for sites dealing with both the process of developing a plan, structure, and other guidelines. In addition, specific searches should provide or direct you to sources of market size, competition, trends, industry standards, major problem areas, etc.

Journals: Various journals publish articles dealing with innovation in specific industries and sectors (e.g., *The Innovation Journal*).

Research Librarians: Working with a Gordon Library research librarian shows resourcefulness.

Organizations: Investigate inventors' organizations, product development organizations, the Service Corps of Retired Executives, Worcester Chapter (SCORE), the Small Business Development Center at Clark University (SBDC).