

Studio Rhode Application Toolkit

(4) \$10,000 Unrestricted Grants | Open to Any Innovative Idea | 3 or 4-month Pilot Project
Application Due Feb. 2nd, 2018

Day 1:

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- Find **opportunities for change** (challenges) within your library and/or community
 - Do you have an awesome program at the library that could be strengthened?
 - Do you have a program that isn't getting the traction you hope for?
 - Have you identified a gap area where a new partnership within the community or new service could be offered?
- Form a **team** of enthusiastic staff, supporters, innovators, and dreamers
- Allot some **time and space** to talk about the challenges and potential solutions
 - [Design Thinking Workshop Activities](#)
 - Watch this [video](#) from 00:10:00 to go through the activity
 - [Design Thinking for Libraries](#) (Use the one day toolkit or full toolkit for more ideas)
- **Start at the end**
 - How would this grant help you achieve your goals and align with your library strategic plan?
 - How do you imagine your library would change as a result of this new idea?
 - What would you consider a successful Studio Rhode project?

Day 2:

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- Do some **research** and **test your theories**
 - Distribute surveys to patrons
 - Brainstorm more with library staff
 - Look back through **old ideas** for inspiration
 - Assess your **inventory** (i.e. programming, tools, services, etc.)
 - Imagine all possibilities
- Begin putting some **solutions on paper**

Day 3:

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- Choose one **solution**
 - **Simplify**, if needed, by asking yourself these questions:
 - Is it valuable?
 - Is it understandable?
 - Is it repeatable?
 - Is it accessible?
 - Could it be implemented quickly?
 - Remember this is just a **3 or 4-month pilot** project
- Keep **competing ideas alive** because you don't know when you may need them
- Make **big picture plans** for how it would work within your library
 - Set broad monthly goals
 - Imagine how the Studio Rhode project fits with the library after the grant period is over
- Look at Studio Rhode [Evaluation Measures](#)

Day 4:

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- Dive deeper into your one best Studio Rhode project idea by envisioning how it would be on a **weekly and daily schedule** within your library
- Consider **data** you'll be collecting and what **outcomes** will come from this project
 - [Mapping Project Outcomes Activity](#)
 - Watch this [video](#) at 1:20:00 to go through the activity
- Determine the associated costs of new tools or upgrades and start [budgeting](#) sheet

Day 5:

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- Summarize your Studio Rhode project idea from Days 1-4
- [Apply](#) for Studio Rhode Grant
 - Remember it can be no more than 5 pages
- Get **ready to start** if you win
- Think about other sources for funding to continue your awesome idea
- Plan for **next steps**, iterate, change, continue and--if needed--pivot

All these resources and more can be found on the OLIS website (<http://www.olis.ri.gov/grants/studiorhode/application.php>) and through the Studio Rhode Phase I toolkit (<https://indd.adobe.com/view/b41a7807-954a-4de9-8ecb-2848f127ea4c>).