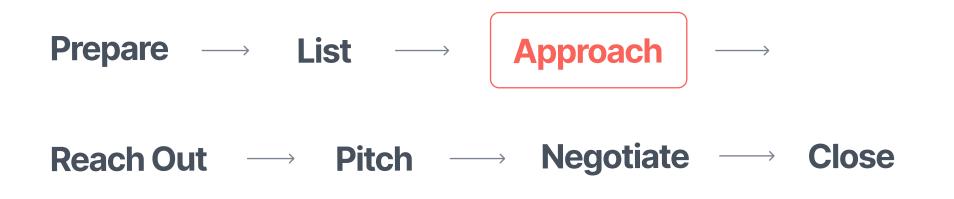
How to fundraise like the best startups





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When you need money, ask for advice, when you need advice, ask for money!

Relationship

Build a long term relationship with some key investors you like and who understand your space.

Tiers

Some founders like to put VC in tiers and use the "not so great" tier to train and improve.

Schedule

Try to pack your calls within 2-3 weeks.

When a termsheet arrives, you want the other investors to be at the same stage.

Dynamics

Most VCs are looking for a reason **not** to invest.

The first investor is therefore always the hardest to convince.

Angels first...

Close business angels first to generate momentum.

You can leverage them to reassure VCs.

Tipping point

At a certain point (50% of the round), things align!

Your pitch gets better, you gain confidence and investors feel that.

Routine's pre-Seed round lasted 5 weeks.

We got rejected by everyone for the first 3 weeks! Morale was low...

In week 4, a VC committed \$500k.

During week 5, we amassed \$6.5M in commitment.



Create FOMO

Remember that investors are human being (kind of (3)).

As such, they are not purely rational and take decision on feelings...

Momentum

Maintain momentum during the whole fundraising process.

Announce partnership, launch features etc.

Update weekly

Create a mailing list and send a weekly update to the interested investors to keep them in the loop.

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