Student's Innovation Mindset Journey Luis Caldas de Oliveira **TÉCNICO** LISBOA **iStart**Lab





"College is a place where a professor's lecture notes go straight to the students' lecture notes, without passing through the brains of either."

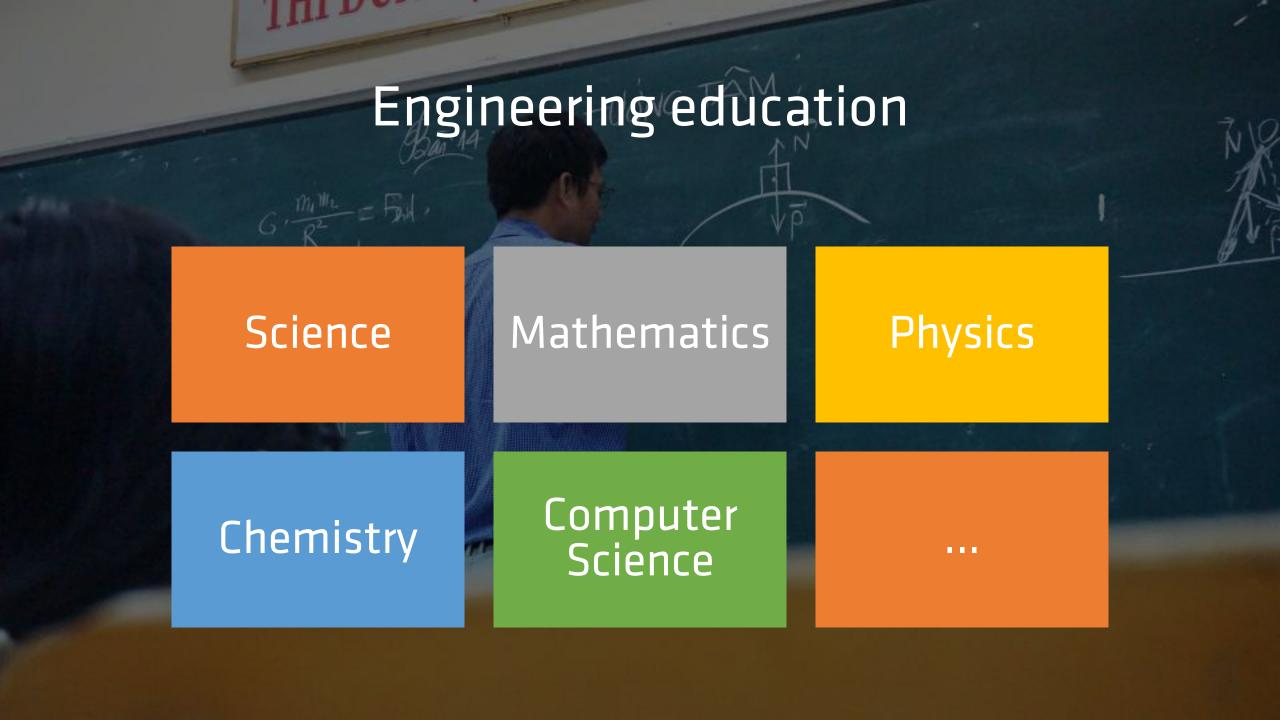
(wrongly?) attributed to Mark Twain



Engineering education

The process of preparing students for the professional practice of engineering.





Management

"Management is a multipurpose organ that manages business and manages managers and manages workers and work."

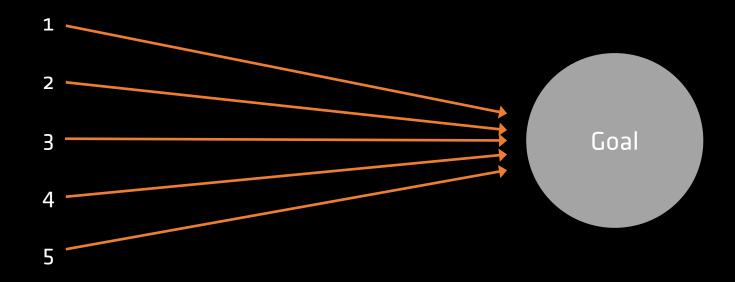
Peter Drucker

In "The Principles of Management"





Causal Reasoning (managerial)



Resources

Education Environment

- Predictable
- Certain
- Specialized
- Known inputs
- Linear
- Expected outputs
- Competitive
- Focus on planning

"Real World"

 Predictable Unpredictable Uncertain Certain Multiple skills Specialized Known inputs Unknown inputs Iterative Linear Expected outputs Variable outputs Competitive Collaborative Focus on planning Focus on action



What is entrepreneurship?

"Entrepreneurship is the process by which individuals pursue opportunities without regard to the resources they currently control" Howard Stevenson,1983



How do entrepreneurs think?

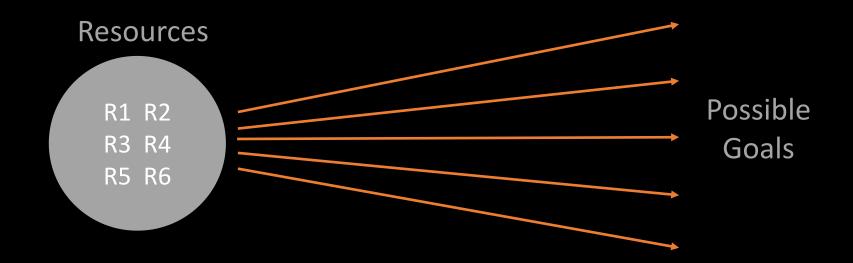
Entrepreneurs are permanently making decisions and acting

How do they do it?

What do they have in common?

To answer this question Saras Sarasvathy conducted a study involving a large group of successful entrepreneurs

Efectual Reasoning (entrepreneurial)



Campos *et al*., Science 357, 1287–1290 (2017

ECONOMICS

Teaching personal initiative beats traditional training in boosting small business in West Africa

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Standard business training programs aim to boost the incomes of the millions of self-employed business owners in developing countries by teaching basic financial and marketing practices, yet the impacts of such programs are mixed. We tested whether a psychology-based personal initiative training approach, which teaches a proactive mindset and focuses on entrepreneurial behaviors, could have more success. A randomized controlled trial in Togo

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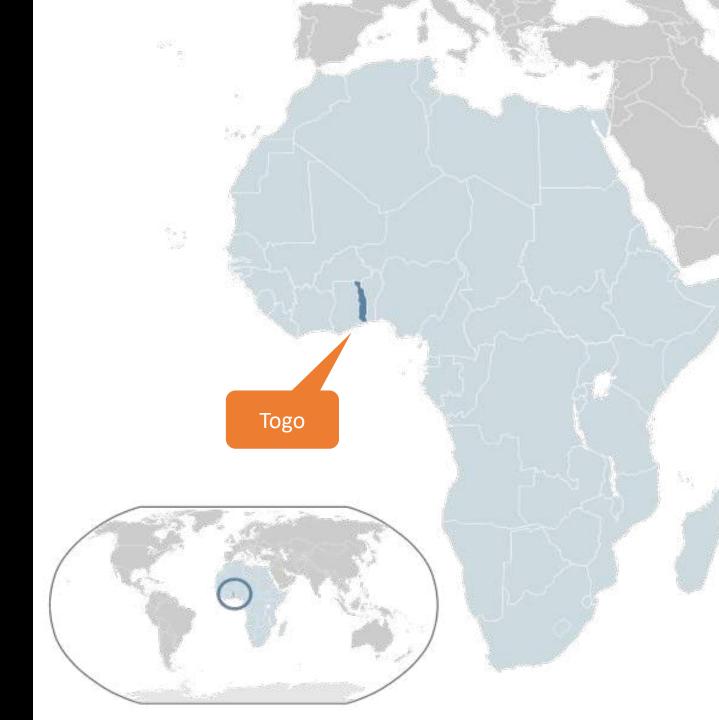
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Sample

- 1500 microenterprises
- In business > 12 months
- <50 employees
- average monthly sales: \$200





3 test groups of 500 microenterprises

Traditional business training

- Accounting
- Marketing
- Human resources
- Formalization

Personal initiative training

- Self-starting
- Innovation
- Goal setting
- Planning
- Feedback
- Barriers

Control group

No treatment

Follow-up surveys (2 years)

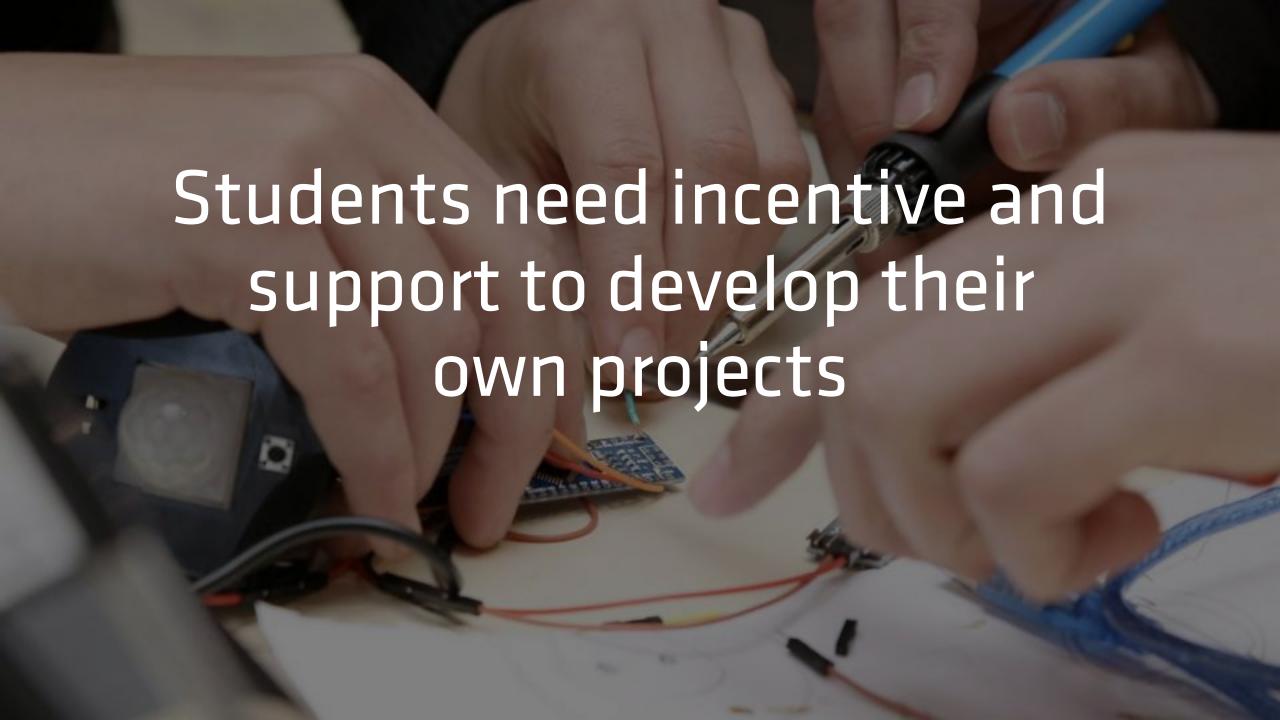
Personal initiative training increased firm profits by 30%, compared with a statistically insignificant 11% for traditional training.



Figure S1: Round by Round Trajectory of Monthly Profits

Notes: BL denotes Baseline, FU1-FU4 denote follow-up 1 through follow-up 4.







Risk Adverse Society

What is innovation?

"Innovation is the multi-stage process whereby organizations transform ideas into new/improved products, services, or processes, in order to advance, compete, and differentiate themselves successfully in their marketplace." Baragheh et al. 2009

Innovation Mindset







Trust

Resilience

Diversity



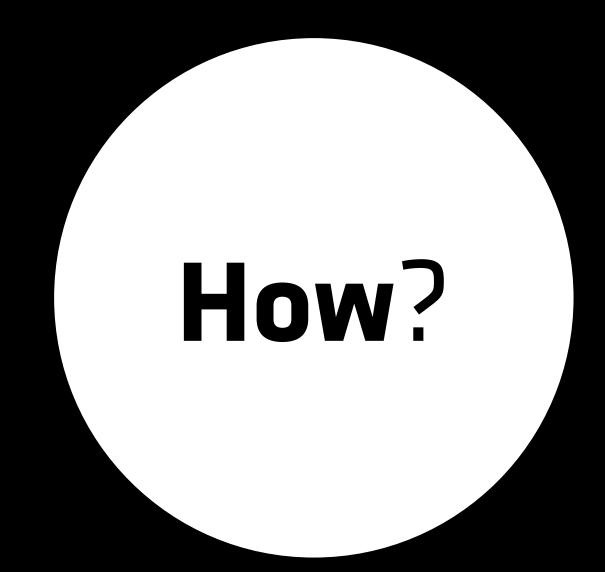




Belief

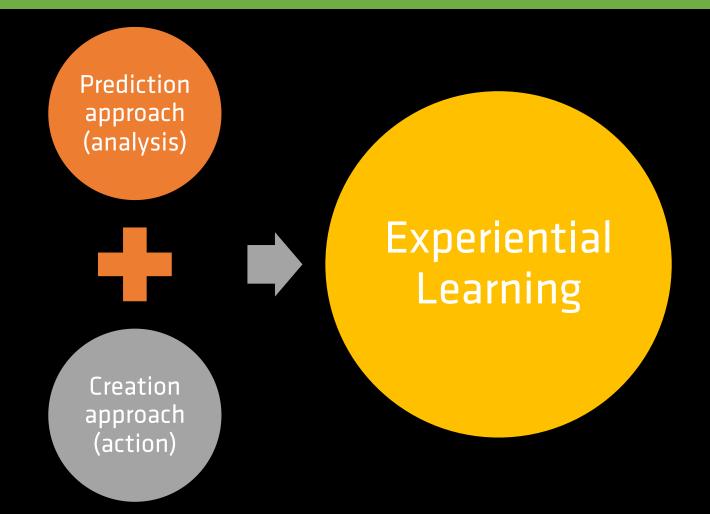
Perfectionism

Collaboration



1st Challenge Education beyond the transmission of knowledge

Knowledge + Innovation Mindset





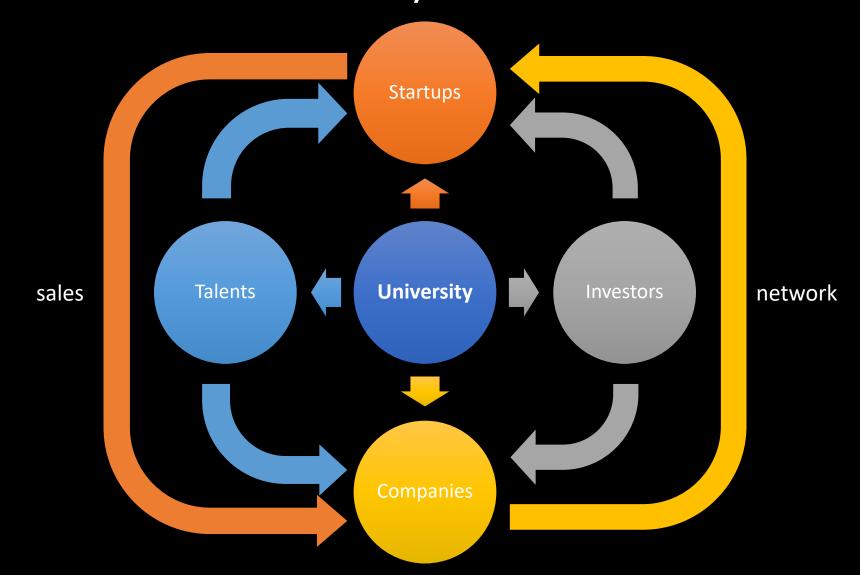




Promote the Acceptance of Failure

2nd Challenge The University needs an interface to its innovation ecosystem

The University can have a central role in an innovation ecosystem



Interface for Innovation

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University

Innovation support

Industry

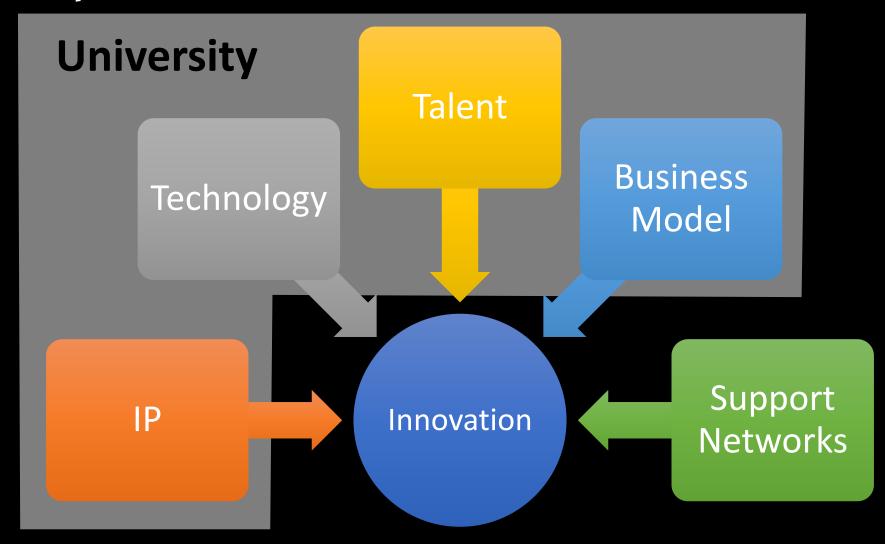
Meet industry needs
Provide Innovation tools
Access to Talents and Knowledge



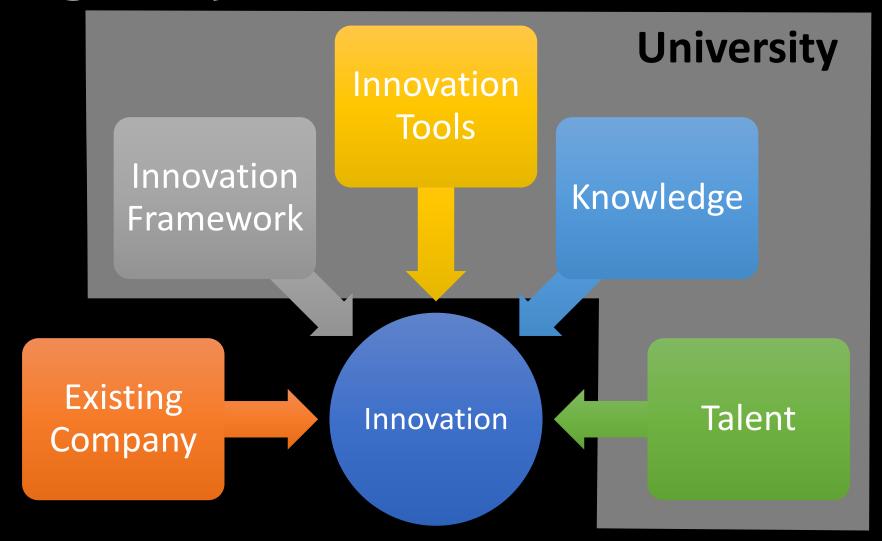
Provide a Physical Hub



Startup Creation



Existing Companies



Building an Innovation Mindset

Teaching Staff

New ways of teaching

Promote innovation

Students

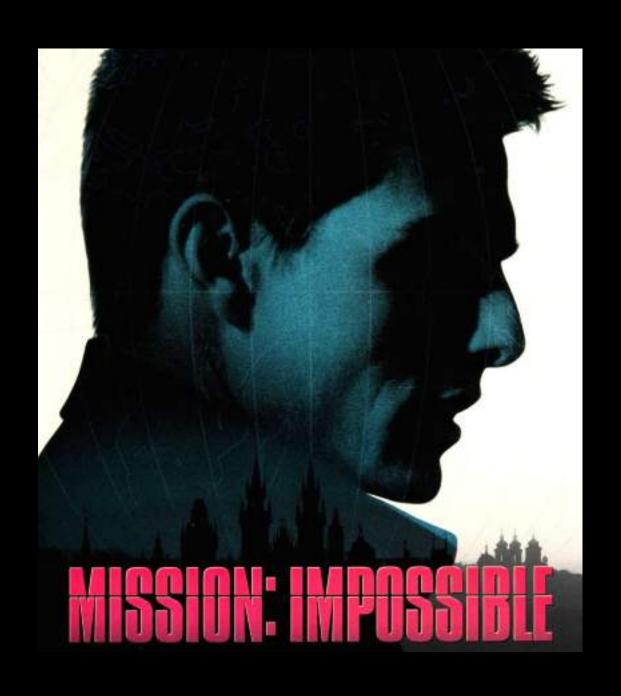
Real-world problems

Better prepared for change

Innovation Lab

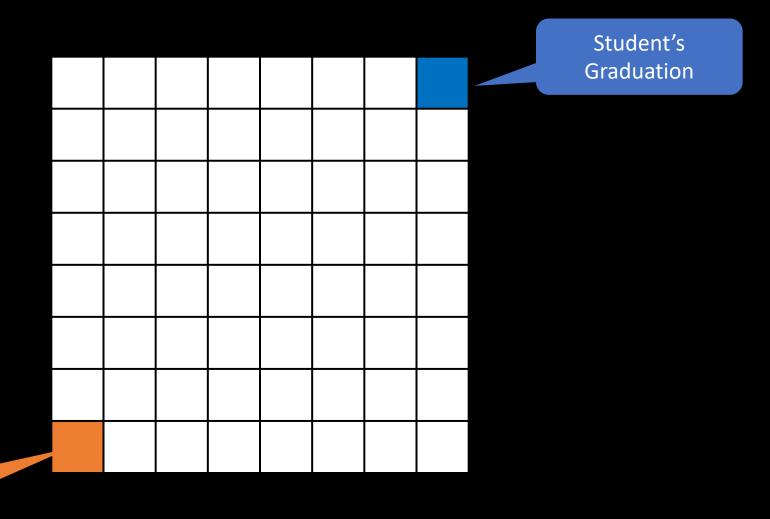
Innovation interface

Promote and support entrepreneurship

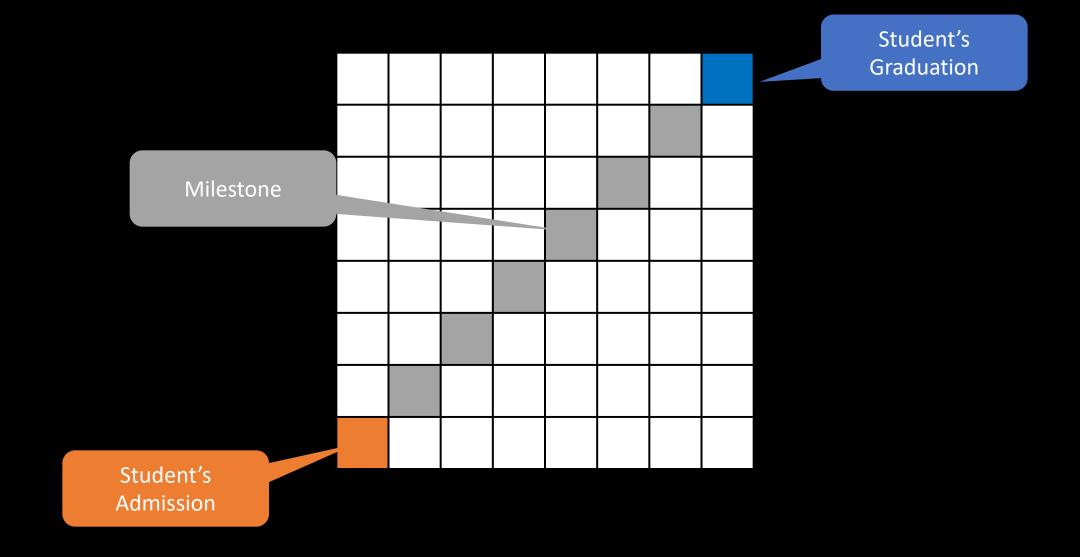


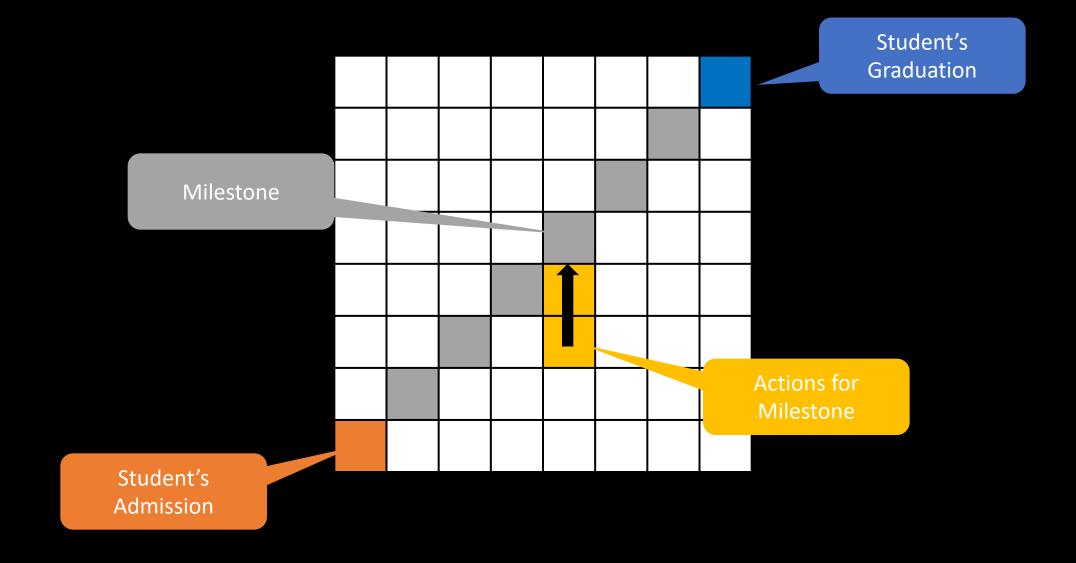
Your Mission:

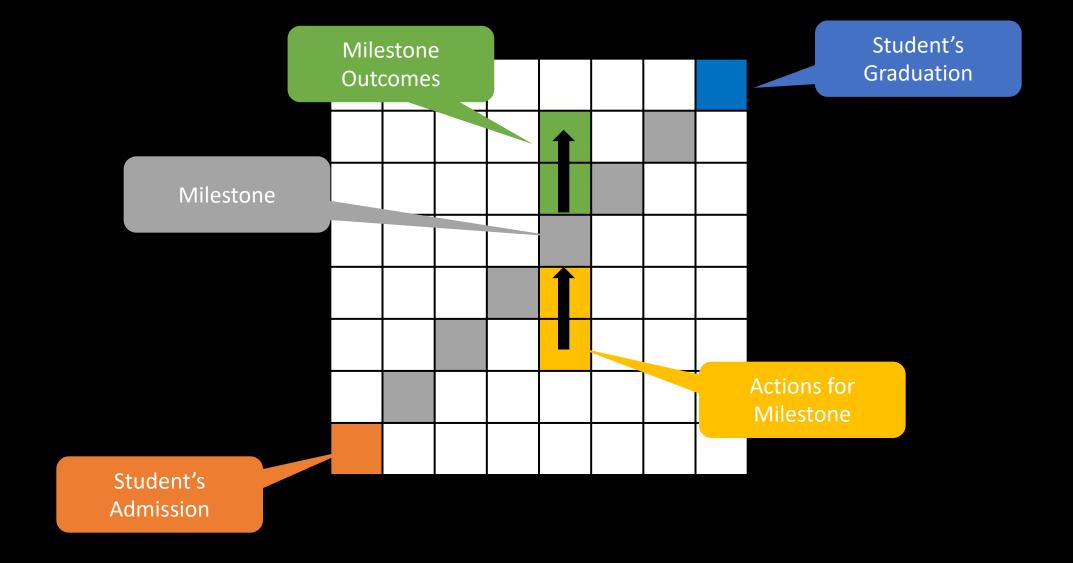
Design a student's journey for fostering an innovation mindset



Student's Admission



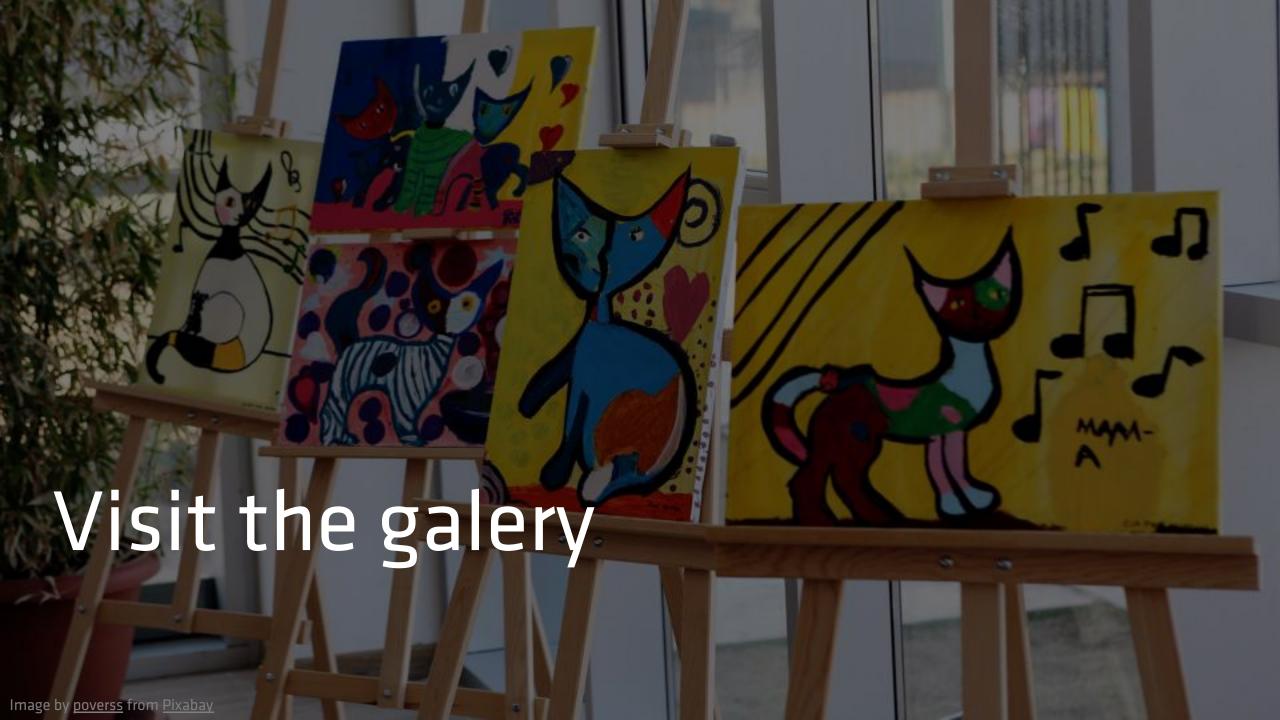






Innovation Mindset

Resilience Trust Diversity Collaboration Belief Perfectionism



"Innovation distinguishes between a leader and a follower" Steve Jobs

Obrigado



