Welcome to the online application for the RI Business Competition

Completing the online application is the single most important step in applying to the competition. By completing this application, all applicants provide the same information to the judges, which allows them to fairly consider all applications.

Based on the applications, the judges will invite applicants from each track to submit <u>complete plans</u> as semi-finalists. Therefore, take time to make your application as strong as possible.

There is no right answer to any of the questions. While there are no wrong answers, there are incomplete answers or answers lacking credibility.

You can work on your application over time by saving your work and coming back to it later. Once you submit your application, it cannot be changed.

<u>**Hint:**</u> It is easiest to complete the application based on your full plan. Therefore, it is best if you work on your full plan right now. If you complete the application first and then work on your full plan, your plan will likely evolve as you complete it and, unless you update your application, an application submitted before you have worked on your plan could be outdated. Also, applicants who are invited to submit their full plan will have only one week to submit that plan, which means it is best if your plan is essentially completed by the time you submit your application.

Remember:

- ***It's a good idea to keep a copy of your answers offline***, e.g., in a Word document.

- ***Save your work as you work on the application***. This means you can return later and keep adding to your application or edit information you already entered.

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<u>**APPLICANT INFO**</u>

Complete all fields marked by an asterisk (*).

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