



**SOUTHERN** CALIFORNIA

Great Association with Quality Deal Flow



#### WEDNESDAY

74<sup>th</sup> May

STARTS 12:00pm 1:30pm

ET

Fast. Pitch Competition



#### **APPLICATION GUIDELINES**

APPLICATION DEADLINE MAY 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023

The FemAging Project and Keiretsu Forum Fast Pitch Competition is exclusively for products and services designed for women ages 40+ to attract angel investors and venture capitalists.

We invite all qualified applicants to participate by completing the online application with the requested information.

This guide provides an overview of the process, application requirements, tips and judging criteria.

### **CRITERIA FOR APPLYING**

The criteria below are must-haves. If you cannot answer 'yes' to all of these, it will be difficult to succeed.

- A commercial company or entity. Non profit Organisations needn't apply.
- Addresses a sizeable market opportunity. Of course, sizeable is relative, but generally hundreds of millions or billions of dollars, however a smaller niche will be considered.
- Solving a real market need for women ages 40+– there is a problem that customers will pay to have solved. It is a must-have, not just a nice-to-have.
- Has a potential sustainable source of differentiation cannot be easily copied either because of patents or some other unique quality.
- Has a clear path to making money (business model).

#### **Grand Prize** Winner **Receives**

\$10k IN CASH







Two **Runners up Receives** 



One Year Keiretsu Participation



Free professional consultation services worth thousands of dollars based on needs, such as legal, marketing, etc

Opportunities to connect with investors





## **FAST PITCH PRIZES**

\$10,000 CASH + additional prizes & professional services

#### **APPLICATION**

- You will be prompted to create a login so you may edit/update your application until the May 10th deadline.
- See submission form questions and requirements at the end of this guide.
- Founder/Co-Founder/CEO does not need to be a woman
- Must participate in the Fast Pitch Event on May 24\*
- Early-stage plans welcome (need to show customer interest, such as customer sign-ups, surveys, LOI's, etc.)
- Applications from nonprofit are not accepted.

#### **JUDGING**

## Grand Prize and Runner Up winners selected by judges

#### IMPORTANT DATES

WED

MAY

Application deadline date (midnight Eastern Time)

FRI 12 MAY

Applicants notified of status from first-round Judging. Top 6 companies Finalists advance to Fast Pitch Round on May 24

MON 15 MAY Top 6 companies record 5-minute pitch presentation that will be viewed on May 24 WED 24 MAY

Fast Pitch Day May 24, 9:00 am PT/ 12:00 pm ET
\*Six companies will present with prerecorded video and then 5 minutes of question and answer from the judges

### DAY OF JUDGING GUIDELINES

- Concept & Revenue Business concept and revenue model are clearly articulated and meet customers' needs
- 2. **Competitive Advantage** Company's solution is better than anything offered by competitors and is defensible
- 3. **Team Members** Existing or planned team can credibly implement the business plan
- 4. **Marketing & Sales** Marketing and sales approaches are appropriate for acquiring customers
- 5. **Financial Plan** Reasonable financial plan with supporting documents





# **APPLICATION FORM**

You will be required to provide the following information on the application form. We suggest that you copy the questions into a Word document and prepare your answers in advance. Then you can copy and paste them into the online application form.

Profile information: Founder's contact info and percent of company ownership

| I.  | Company Name   |
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| 2.  | Contact Name   |
| 3.  | Email  |
| 4.  | Phone  |
| 5.  | Address  |
| 6.  | Two-line Summary of the Company  |
| 7.  | Website  |
| 8.  | LinkedIn   |
| 9.  | Industry   |
| 10. | Summarize your Business  |
| 11. | Stage of the Company.  |
| 12. | Comments on Stage of the Company   |
| 13. | Round of Funding   |
| 14. | Amount Company has Raised to Date  |
| 15. | Date Founded   |
| 16. | Size of your Potential Market of Customers   |
| 17. | Current or Potential Customers   |
| 18. | What is the customer problem your product is solving?  |
| 19. | What is your solution?   |
| 20. | What is your Business Model?   |
| 21. | List your Competitors  |
| 22. | Describe your competitive advantage and barriers to entry.   |
| 23. | Upload your company pitch deck. Confidentiality – we are committed to keeping all application data strictly confidential. Only our internal staff and Fast Pitch judges will have access to your data. Your deck and application data will not be shared outside this group without your written permission. |