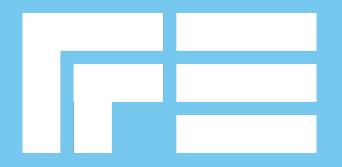


#### RRE @ CMU

### WHAT TO THINK ABOUT WHEN JOINING A STARTUP







# RRE VENTURES IS AN EARLY STAGE, SEED & SERIES A, VENTURE CAPITAL FIRM LOCATED IN NEW YORK



#### WHERE RRE INVESTS



#### HERE ARE A FEW OF THE SPACES WE HAVE INVESTED IN AND SOME OF OUR 120 ACTIVE COMPANIES



#### **OUR TEAM**



STUART J. ELLMAN Managing Partner, 1994



JAMES D. ROBINSON Managing Partner, 1994



JAMES D. ROBINSON III General Partner, 1994



WILL D. PORTEOUS General Partner & COO, 2000



RAJU RISHI General Partner, 2015



JOHN R. HASS Partner, 2010



STEVE SCHLAFMAN Principal, 2013



RIFKI ZABLE VP of Finance, 2013



MARIA PALMA Director of Platform, 2015



ALICE LLOYD GEORGE Associate, 2014



JASON BLACK Analyst, 2014



COOPER ZELNICK Analyst, 2015



IBIS HANZEL RITEN JAISWAL
Controller, 2004 Director of IT, 2015



JESSICA FORSYTHE Executive Assistant, ?



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LAURA D'AMICO Executive Assistant, 2016

RRE VENTURES HAS BEEN AROUND FOR 23 YEARS WITH \$1.5B AUM OVER 7 FUNDS

#### **NYC TECH ECOSYSTEM**

#### LARGEST COMMERCE CENTER IN U.S.

- Industries: advertising, communications, financial services, media/publishing, pharma/life sciences, real estate, retail/fashion
- NY Metro Area: 15th largest GDP in the world
- Culture: talent, domain expertise, diversity, ambition, creativity

#### MATURING STARTUP ECOSYSTEM WITH SEASONED ENTREPRENEURS

- NYC is the second largest market for venture-backed companies
- Large pool of second- and third-generation startup founders

#### LARGE TECHNOLOGY & ENGINEERING COMPANIES ARE HERE TO STAY

 Google, Facebook, Uber, Slack, Microsoft, IBM, SAP, Salesforce, Cisco, Verizon, AT&T, etc.























### WHAT TO THINK ABOUT WHEN JOINING A STARTUP...



### WHAT STAGE TO JOIN





#### CONSISTENT ROLE VERSUS WEARING MULTIPLE HATS





#### **BALANCING BRAND VERSUS PERSONAL UPSIDE**



### WHAT ROLE TO TAKE





#### **PRODUCT**

**WHAT YOU DO** 

NEW PRODUCTS
PRODUCT STRATEGY

**DO YOU LIKE?** 

BRINGING THINGS TO LIFE TRANSLATING TECH TO BUSINESS

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

TECHNICAL BASE MARKET ANALYSIS

#### **MARKETING**

**WHAT YOU DO** 

CUSTOMER ACQUISITION/GROWTH BRAND & POSITIONING

**DO YOU LIKE?** 

COMBINING CREATIVE AND ANALYTICAL PROCESSES

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

ANALYTICAL MINDSET DESIRE TO LEARN



#### **BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT**

**WHAT YOU DO** 

PARTNERSHIPS EXPANSION/GROWTH

**DO YOU LIKE?** 

BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS
NEGOTIATION & NEW MARKETS

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

PARTNERSHIP PROJECTS MARKET ANALYSIS



#### STRATEGY/CHIEF OF STAFF

**WHAT YOU DO** 

STRATEGY TO EXECUTION SPECIAL PROJECTS

**DO YOU LIKE?** 

CONSTANT VARIETY
BROAD EXPOSURE VS OWNERSHIP

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

CONSULTING/BANKING INTERPERSONAL SKILLS

#### **OPERATIONS**

**WHAT YOU DO** 

RHYTHM OF DAILY EXECUTION PROCESS & MANAGEMENT

**DO YOU LIKE?** 

CONSTANT IMPROVEMENT PROBLEM SOLVING

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

CORPORATE, CONSULTING CLIENT FIRST ATTITUDE



#### **SALES**

**WHAT YOU DO** 

SELLING & CLOSING DEALS RELATIONSHIPS, ENTERTAINING

**DO YOU LIKE?** 

RELATIONSHIPS, # ON YOUR HEAD, TANGIBLE OUTCOMES

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

SELLING CONCEPTS & PROJECTS INTERNALLY OR EXTERNALLY



#### **ENGINEERING**

**WHAT YOU DO** 

DRIVE STRATEGY/ROADMAP
MANAGE A TEAM WITH METRICS

**DO YOU LIKE?** 

BUILDING INTERESTING PRODUCTS, MOTIVATING A TEAM

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

TECHNICAL BASE (ENGINEERING)
TRANSLATING TECH TO BUSINESS



### WHERE TO FIND JOBS





#### STARTUP JOB SEARCH



- 1 JOB PAGE ON VC WEBSITES
- 2 ANGELIST (AND A-LIST)
- 3 SCHOOL ALUMNI
- 4 GET OUT THERE!!



#### **VC JOB SEARCH**



- 1 NEWSLETTERS (STRICTLY.VC, MATTERMARK, LAUNCH TICKER)
- 2 "TERM SHEET" NEW FUNDS
- FIND WARM INTROS & APPLY TO EVERYTHING QUICKLY
- 4 GET OUT THERE!!

HTTP://JOHNGANNONBLOG.COM/VC-CAREERS/



### HOW TO LAND A STARTUP JOB OFFER



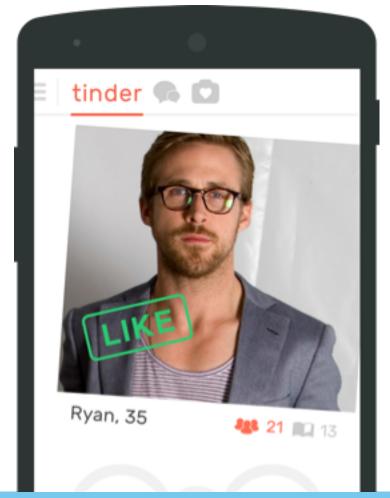




### TAKE TIME TO BUILD YOUR USER STORY



## MAKE SURE IT IS ATTRACTIVE FOR THE COMPANY/ROLE







### TAKE INITIATIVE AND FOLLOW UP WITH RELEVANT INFORMATION



### THOUGHTS ON COMPENSATION





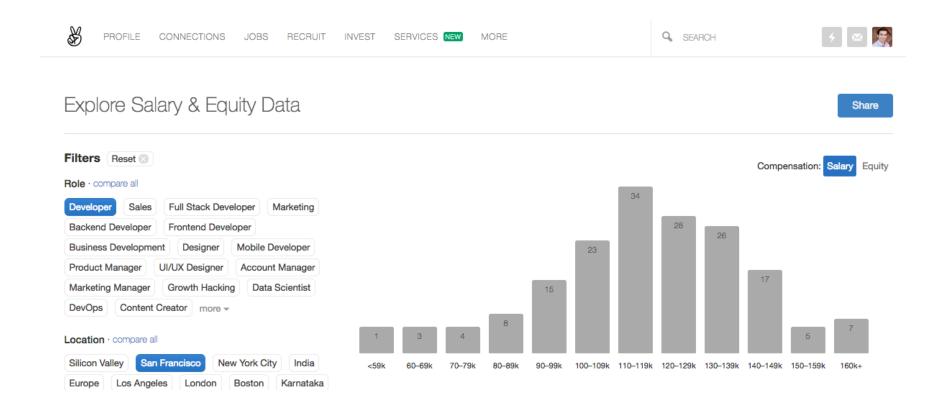


## SALARY & EQUITY EXPECTATIONS AND WHEN TO RENEGOTIATE



EQUITY WHAT TO KNOW
AND TYPICAL TERMS
(4 YR VEST, ONE YEAR CLIFF)

#### **COMPENSATION BENCHMARKS**



#### ANGELIST CAN ALSO BE A GREAT RESOURCE FOR **EQUITY & SALARY DATA**







### ALWAYS READ WHAT YOU SIGN ... FOR REAL

### A FEW WORDS OF CAUTION





## DILIGENCE THE CULTURE & TEAM FOR YOURSELF





## MAKE SURE YOU ASK FOR FEEDBACK TO DEVELOP AND GROW



### ADVANTAGES OF JOINING A VC BACKED STARTUP



#### ONCE YOU ARE THERE, GO ALL IN



#### **HOW TO SEE RRE OPPORTUNITIES**





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