Go get ’em! Remember that you have don’t have much time to use your Pilot Funds, so get started right away (funding cycles end on 12/4, 3/1, 5/3, and 8/16)!

Keep your receipts. This is a reimbursement model, so make sure that your financial point person is keeping track of all of your receipts. If this is a hardship for you, please reach out so we can help you make your purchases. See the funding and reimbursement guidelines below.

Use the Education Innovation Fellows early and often. They can help you navigate Harvard’s resources, find teammates, and troubleshoot.

Take advantage of your cohort. Use your cohort’s private slack channel to quickly get ideas and answers.

Make a 1-minute video. You’re going to need to create a one-minute video about your project to share at the end of your funding cycle, so start thinking about that now. Perhaps you want to capture some footage along the way of your process…

Have fun and learn. Our goal is to help you learn about innovation, so it’s okay to “fail.” That’s a huge part of innovation. The key to failing, though, is learning why something didn’t work to help you figure out what will! So, fail and pivot — and do it all over again. That’s the startup spirit.