Stages of Company Development

Company Stage	Concept	Pre-Seed	Seed	Early Stage A-Round, B-Rour	Later Stage nd, C-Round
Milestones	Idea	Develop idea into working prototype	Develop beta products; trial customers	Launch product sales to paying customers	Expansion through \$XXM revenue targets
Typical Pre- Money Valuations		< \$1M	\$2 - \$3M	\$3M - \$10M	\$10 - \$20M
Typical Funding Amounts		<\$100K	\$250K - \$1M	\$1M - \$5M	> \$5M

Funding Gap

Founders, Friends, Grants

Venture Capital

Equity Financing Rounds over the Early Life of a Company

Financing	Definition	Typical	Who Typically Pays
Round		Amounts	
Seed	Prove a concept/quality for	\$25,000-	Individual Angels
	start-up capital	500,000	Angel Groups
			Early-stage Venture Capitalists
Start-up	Complete product	\$500,000-	Select Individual Angels
	development and initial	3,000,000	Angel Groups
	marketing		Early-stage Venture Capitalists
First	Initiate full-scale	\$1,500,000-	Venture Capitalists
	manufacturing and sales	5,000,000	
Second	Working capital for initial	\$3,000,000-	Venture Capitalists
	business expansion	10,000,000	Private Placement Firms
Third	Expansion capital to achieve	\$5,000,000-	Venture Capitalists
	break-even	30,000,000	Private Placement Firms
Bridge	Financing to allow company	\$3,000,000-	Mezzanine Financing Firms
	to go public in 6-12 months	20,000,000	Private Placement Firms
			Investment Bankers

Source: Interviews; definitions taken from Pratt's Venture Capital Guide