R&D for the Future of Jewish Learning

Catalyze development of ground-breaking forms of Jewish learning and expression by investing in R&D operations, new ideas, and creative partnerships

**ACTIVITIES:**

Through the end of 2019, the Jim Joseph Foundation will be working internally to develop its processes and approach to R&D. The following represents initial thinking about our R&D activities:

Provide **multi-year grants** to support organizations that invest in idea development, prototyping, piloting, and scaling of new approaches to Jewish education and that advance the work of entrepreneurs, intrapreneurs and influencers within and beyond their own organizations.

Promote **diversity, equity and inclusion** by supporting and encouraging R&D grantee partners’ efforts to: track diversity among their program participants; invest in entrepreneurs, intrapreneurs and influencers from under-represented populations; invest in experiments that develop and spread new forms of Jewish learning and expression that will be accessible and empowering for individuals from under-represented audiences.

Engage in **ongoing learning** about the future of education, community, human development, culture, religion, and related topics that will have influence on the future of Jewish learning.

Continually **explore emerging practices in R&D**; participate in experiments that stretch the Foundation to apply these practices in our work; document our successes and failures.

Promote **field-wide strategic investment in R&D** for the Future of Jewish Learning through collaborating and co-investing with funding partners and by supporting information sharing among grantees, field leaders and funders through research, writing, speaking and convening.

**OUTPUTS:**

**Entrepreneurs and intrapreneurs** receiving hands-on support to develop new Jewish-inspired ideas, practices, and experiences.

**Organizations with enhanced R&D capacity**

Findings from **evaluation and research** studies about the future of Jewish learning shared through publications, convenings and trainings.

**Dollars invested** by the Jim Joseph Foundation and other funders in R&D for the future of Jewish learning.

**SHORT TERM OUTCOMES:**

- **New thinking and skills:** Jewish leaders and educators are applying new thinking and skills to generate ideas, prototype, pilot, and scale new approaches to Jewish education.
- **Enhanced culture:** An enhanced culture of experimentation and risk-taking is manifesting within the Foundation and among its grantee partners.
- **Rising priority:** Investment in experimentation and risk-taking is a rising priority for Jewish organizations and funders, resulting in larger and more strategic investments in R&D across the field of Jewish education.