

YC RFS Summer 2026 Tracker

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#	Category	Partner	Market	Tag
01	AI for Low-Pesticide Agriculture	Garry Tan	\$25B by 2028	AGRITECH
02	AI-Native Discovery Engines	Diana Hu	\$200B+ search	SCIENCE
03	Autonomous Devices for Construction	Jared Friedman	\$15T global construction	ROBOTICS
04	Vertical AI Agents	Garry Tan	\$50B SaaS replacement	AI-AGENTS
05	AI for Personal Tutoring	Diana Hu	\$300B education	EDTECH
06	Bring Manufacturing Back to America	Jared Friedman	\$2T US mfg revival	MFG
07	Climate-Resilient Infrastructure	Tom Blomfield	\$1T+ adaptation spend	CLIMATE
08	AI for Public Sector Productivity	Tom Blomfield	\$500B gov tech	GOVTECH
09	SaaS Challengers	Pete Koomen	Replace incumbents	SAAS
10	Defensive Cybersecurity Agents	Diana Hu	\$300B cyber market	SECURITY
11	Compute & Inference Infrastructure	Diana Hu	\$200B AI infra	INFRA
12	Healthcare Workflow Automation	Surbhi Sarna	\$4T US healthcare	HEALTH
13	AI for Legal & Compliance	Pete Koomen	\$1T services repl.	LEGAL
14	Robotics for Logistics	Jared Friedman	\$10T logistics	ROBOTICS
15	Energy & Grid Modernization	Tom Blomfield	\$3T energy transition	ENERGY

Fit-Score Worksheet

For each RFS category, score yourself 1–5 on each dimension. Pick the category with the highest total.

Dimension	1	5
Domain expertise	Never worked in this	Built/worked here for years
Customer access	No connections	Can call 20 customers tomorrow
Technical edge	Generic skill set	Unique technical capability
Personal pain	Theoretical interest	I have this problem myself
Time horizon	Want fast exit	Willing to grind 10 yrs

Decision Rule

Total \geq 20: strong fit, build immediately. 15–19: build with a co-founder who fills the gaps. $<$ 15: keep looking.

Want the full blueprints?

Each of these 15 categories has a complete founder playbook (MVP plan, pricing, GTM) at ycplaybook.xyz/ideas. Or grab the full bundle on Gumroad.