# Franchise Business Plan

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### I. Executive Summary

#### **Company Overview**



Crumbl Cookies is a family-owned, unique take on a popular dessert that uses innovative techniques and flavors. Crumbl opened in 2017 in Utah, and in just eight years, boasts over 1000 locations in the U.S. and another few internationally. Now, Crumbl Cookies has created a major trend with their signature pink boxes along with titles like the "fastest growing dessert chain," by having an average growth rate of 115.65% annually since 2019. Crumbl is known for its large social media presence as well as its rotating flavor drop model and crossed over \$1 billion in sales annually. We have decided to locate our franchise on the University of Texas at Austin campus located in Austin, Texas because of the large target market and population growth in the area that further fuels the store's potential.

#### **Business Environment**

#### Political

- Texas does not have a corporate income tax
- The tax rate for a Crumbl franchise in Texas is 0.75%
- The franchise filing rate in Texas is \$300

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- The median household income in Austin is \$78,965
- The median household income in downtown Austin is \$136,486
- The Austin metro area ranked third in the US for employment growth

#### Social

- The student population at UT Austin is 52,384
- Crumbl's marketing is targeted towards social media users 84% of people aged
   18-29 are on at least one social media site, many UT students see Crumbl online

#### Technological

- Crumbl has a **website with information** for prospective and returning customers
- Crumbl's app ranked #8 on the iOS App Store under foods and drinks
- Crumbl Cookies has over **21 million followers** across six social media accounts

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- The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality enforces and takes actions on businesses not abiding to environmental regulations
- Each Crumbl box is biodegradable and eco-friendly

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- The Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) enforces **child labor regulations** for minors in Texas very important due to Crumbl's history with child labor violations
- Texas's Department of State Health Services (DSHS) sets food safety standards

#### **Products and Services**

**Crumbl** currently offers a large variety of fun flavors, as they introduce **six** unique, **limited-edition flavors every single week**. Our location will also offer specialty cookies designed to appeal to UT students and supporters, such as Longhorn or sports-themed cookies to support UT's teams. **Crumbl** has also expanded to do **catering**, **delivery** services, and **in-store pickup** to adjust to customers' needs.

Crumbl also has an app with unique features such as the Cookie Journal, Test Cookie Maps, Hometown Picks Map, and a rewards program. The Cookie Journal allows users to engage and give feedback to Crumbl and also lets customers see other opinions. The Test Cookie Maps and Hometown Picks Cookie Maps show the locations of stores that currently run these special features. These increase user engagement and promote Crumbl to a technologically active audience.

#### **Target Market**

#### **Demographics**

- College students
- Age 18-25
- Urban working population

#### **Psychographics**

- People who have a taste for innovation
- Social media users who like to keep up with trends

#### **Behavioral**

- People who want a sweet treat
- People who are influenced by social media

#### Geographic

- People living in downtown Austin
- Students living on/near UT campus
- People visiting UT Austin campus

#### Competition

Our Crumbl location currently has 4
main competitors, with the two largest
ones being Insomnia Cookies and Tiff's
Treats due to their proximity to our
Crumbl location. Crumbl's main
concerns will be the difference in the
price points and similar services offered.
Although these concerns may pose a
threat, our franchise is able to combat
these with its loyal customer base,
large social media presence, and
rotating flavor drop model that
includes a large variety of cookie
flavors people have never seen before.

BRAND NAME	CREATIVE SELECTION	LARGE SOCIAL MEDIA PRESENCE	DELIVERY SERVICE	LOW PRICING
CRUMBL COOKIES	<b>~</b>	<b>~</b>	<b>~</b>	X
INSOMNIA COOKIES	X	X	<b>~</b>	<b>~</b>
TIFF'S TREATS	X	X	<b>~</b>	<b>~</b>
85°C BAKERY	<b>~</b>	X	X	<b>~</b>
PARIS BAGUETTE	X	X	X	X

#### **Marketing Strategies**

#### Partner with UT Austin to become a BEVO Bucks merchant

- o Cashless form of payment for University of Texas students
- Students receive \$200 in BEVO Bucks at the beginning of the year
- Has to be spent at BEVO Pay merchants
- Currently 86 BEVO Pay merchants
- o Open to all UT students
- BEVO Pay generated over \$5 million last year
- Merchants must pay a 6% service fee to the BEVO Pay program

# BEVOPAY

#### Partner with student organizations for profit sharing

- o Partner with student organizations to create events and increase exposure
- o An expectation that students, incentivized by BEVO Bucks, will visit Crumbl, leading to increased sales
- A way to **give back to the community** and participate in community events

#### Establish a strong franchise presence across social media platforms

- o Crumbl is the most followed dessert company online
- o Leveraging Crumbl's large social media presence, we can attract students to our Crumbl location
- A snowball effect will be put into place, as positive experiences at Crumbl lead to more social media posts, attracting additional customers
- We will start a **franchise social media account** where we post content specific to our target audience

#### **Business Objectives**

The overarching mission of this Crumbl franchise is to give back to the student population through experiences, as a customer, student, or employee.

Short-Term (12 months)

- -Franchising rights and funds to open our first location by Jan. 2026
- -Hire qualified staff
- -Create a franchise social media account to make daily videos and reach at least 5,000 followers
- -Implement feedback system for employees and customers to voice concerns

Long-Term (2-3 years)

- -Open multiple locations throughout Texas and collaborate with other locations throughout the country
- -Create a feedback system to improve business processes
- -At least 2 fundraisers and charities a month to have a positive impact
- -Further prompt social media accounts and create virtual events with incentives

#### Financial Data

In our first year, we anticipate a revenue of \$1,420,823, slightly below Crumbl's average of \$1.7 million. However, being in a location with proximity to students and working adults guarantees growth. In the second year, our projected revenue of \$1,877,326 exceeds the average by \$300,000. Being the only Crumbl location accessible to UT students and the majority of the downtown population within walking distance enhances our competitive edge. Over the first two years, our combined net profit is estimated at \$662,916.36. Our ROI over the first two years is 32.58% and the investment gain is \$162,916.36. The two-year operation statement below goes in depth about our projected revenue, expenses, and net income.

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				Crumbl C	Cookies						
Two-Year Operational Statement											
		Year 1, Quarterly Overview Year 2, Quarterly Overview						Yearly Totals			
	Q1 (Jan-Mar)	Q2 (Apr-Jun)	Q3 (Jul-Sep)	Q4 (Oct-Dec)		Q1 (Jan-Mar)	Q2 (Apr-Jun)	Q3 (Jul-Sep)	Q4 (Oct-Dec)	Year 1	Year 2
Revenue:											
Product Sales:	\$267,208.00	\$341,380.00	\$323,586.00	\$372,486.00		\$413,482.00	\$428,250.00	\$395,108.00	\$442,132.00	\$1,304,660.00	\$1,678,972.00
Services Sales: (Delivery, Catering, etc.)	\$14,678.00	\$34,088.00	\$25,590.00	\$41,807.00		\$44,282.00	\$51,293.00	\$48,580.00	\$54,199.00	\$116,163.00	\$198,354.00
TOTAL REVENUE										\$1,420,823.00	\$1,877,326.00
Expenses:											
Initial Franchise Fee:	\$50,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50,000.00	\$0.00
Employee Training:	\$15,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$500.00	\$1,500.00		\$800.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$4,500.00
Licensing, Permits, and Fees:	\$80,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00		\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$83,000.00	\$4,000.00
Equipment and Supplies:	\$200,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$20,000.00		\$24,000.00	\$8,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$12,000.00	\$240,000.00	\$54,000.00
Employee Wages:	\$193,000.00	\$193,000.00	\$193,000.00	\$193,000.00		\$223,000.00	\$223,000.00	\$223,000.00	\$223,000.00	\$580,500.00	\$892,000.00
Loan Payments and Interest:	\$14,161.59	\$14,161.59	\$14,161.59	\$14,161.59		\$14,161.59	\$14,161.59	\$14,161.59	\$14,161.59	\$56,646.36	\$56,646.36
Rent:	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00		\$32,000.00	\$32,000.00	\$32,000.00	\$32,000.00	\$120,000.00	\$128,000.00
Insurance:	\$1,011.00	\$1,011.00	\$1,011.00	\$1,011.00		\$1,061.00	\$1,061.00	\$1,061.00	\$1,061.00	\$4,044.00	\$4,244.00
Maintenence:	\$2,100.00	\$2,100.00	\$2,100.00	\$2,100.00		\$2,100.00	\$2,100.00	\$2,100.00	\$2,100.00	\$8,400.00	\$8,400.00
Utilities:	\$2,750.00	\$2,750.00	\$2,750.00	\$2,750.00		\$2,750.00	\$2,750.00	\$2,750.00	\$2,750.00	\$11,000.00	\$11,000.00
Tax @ 3.75% (for revenue over \$2.47 million):	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Royalty Fees @ 8%:	\$22,550.88	\$30,037.44	\$27,934.08	\$33,143.44		\$36,621.12	\$38,363.44	\$35,495.04	\$39,706.48	\$113,665.84	\$150,186.08
Other Expenses:	\$15,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$2,000.00		\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$25,000.00	\$10,000.00
TOTAL EXPENSES										\$1,312,256.20	\$1,322,976.44
NET INCOME										\$108,566.80	\$554,349.56

Franchisees will personally invest \$300,000 (\$100,000 each) and ask for a loan of \$200,000 in exchange of a 6% interest rate paid back over a 48-month period compounded monthly