

OUTSELL PLAYBOOK

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Build an enterprise ABM budget around the work accounts need

QUESTION

How do you allocate budget across research, content, activation, and measurement?

GUIDE TAKEAWAY

A channel-first budget can leave an ABM programme with substantial media allocation but insufficient research, evidence, or follow-up capacity. Start with the account objective and the work required to support it.

START HERE

Define the account objective.

YOUR SITUATION

Account or cohort

Decision to make

Starting state and exclusions

Evidence sources, dates, and limitations

Unknowns to validate

WORK THROUGH THE GUIDE

1. Define the account objective

Evidence or input

Output or decision

Owner and review point

2. Map work and dependencies

Evidence or input

Output or decision

Owner and review point

3. Estimate capacity and spending

Evidence or input**Output or decision****Owner and review point**

4. Compare complete scope options

Evidence or input**Output or decision****Owner and review point**

5. Review actual effort and value

Evidence or input**Output or decision****Owner and review point****COMPARE THE OPTIONS**

Core operating budget

Useful when: The complete account play must work

Limitation: Can leave little capacity for experimentation

Suggested action: Fund research, review, handoff, and reporting

Why this fits our situation**Evidence needed before acting**

Activation expansion

Useful when: Existing work can support additional reach

Limitation: More reach can overwhelm follow-up

Suggested action: Check sales capacity before increasing volume

Why this fits our situation**Evidence needed before acting**

Personalisation expansion

Useful when: Named accounts justify deeper work

Limitation: Individual production requires more review time

Suggested action: Fund evidence and account-team participation

Why this fits our situation

Evidence needed before acting

Learning reserve

Useful when: The team needs to test a new play

Limitation: Experiments need clear stopping rules

Suggested action: Allocate a bounded test with a review decision

Why this fits our situation

Evidence needed before acting

COMMIT TO A BOUNDED NEXT STEP

Chosen action

Responsible owner

Required approval

Success measure and definition

Review date

Continue, revise, or stop criteria

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