THE SAN FRANCISCO CENTER FOR INNOVATION
San Francisco was chosen as a site for this project because of its reputation in pioneering progressive ideas in our social culture. The Russian Hill Neighborhood is located near Fisherman's Warf, and Gierdelli square. The Russian Hill Open space is 4.2 acres and has been a designated public space since the Russian Hill Reservoir became unusable in the early 1900s. The site overlooks the San Francisco Bay, Marin County Headlands, Alcatraz, and the Golden Gate Bridge.

Before a building can inspire innovation, it first has to discover the underlying cause of its foundation: learning. Over the course of my research, I have read extensively about learning, how the brain makes connections with neurons but also how learning involves all of our senses. According to renowned psychologist Abraham Maslow, the largest environmentally controlled factor in human motivation is curiosity. Spontaneity and curiosity can create connections within the mind and the body that can facilitate learning. One environmental control of this is to inspire motivation and curiosity.

Collaboration is a word that kept resurfacing in my research. The graphic above shows two people with two ideas, when the ideas converge, a series of five ideas develops. The original of both, a hybrid of both and also two more, these are the hybrid combined with the two original ideas. Our perception of the world is felt by both our mind and our body as one. The experience that we can have with architecture can rejuvenate our senses and help motivate us to want to learn, to want to innovate.