



EY Entrepreneurs Access Network

Entrepreneurs aren't determined
by their backgrounds. Their potential
shouldn't be either.



The better the question.
The better the answer.
The better the world works.



Shape the future
with confidence

Building an
exceptional
entrepreneurial
ecosystem
starts with
inclusivity



Do you know a Black, Indigenous, Pan-Asian or Latino entrepreneur who's ready to reach new heights?

Put them forward for the EY Entrepreneurs Access Network. This year-long program is designed to help entrepreneurs transcend barriers, accelerate their businesses to scale and reach their full potential.



The **Entrepreneurs Access Network** is an expansion of our programs aimed at helping entrepreneurs succeed.



The program empowers individuals from diverse backgrounds to access learning opportunities and build networks, helping to close gaps and reach new heights



EY Entrepreneurial Winning Women™ is an endorsement of potential, an executive program and community of women leaders.



EY Entrepreneur Of The Year® recognizes success among the world's best entrepreneurs in more than 50 countries.



- A no-fee opportunity to invest in personal growth and leadership to enhance business performance.
- Entry into an elite community of high-growth company leaders.
- Assignment of an EY Entrepreneurs Access Network Ambassador for ongoing, personal guidance throughout the program journey.
- Access to learning sessions and events featuring top business leaders and organizations.
- Access to an exceptional ecosystem of trailblazing entrepreneurs through multiple programs offered by EY.
- Increased brand exposure to potential investors, new customers, M&A opportunities, and alliances.



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Businesses owned by diverse groups are vital to the strength of Canada’s economy and capital markets. Nonetheless, they often encounter significant barriers in securing funding, capital and essential connections. The Entrepreneurs Access Network empowers participants to harness EY’s deep knowledge, resources and professional network, fostering a robust support community that enables these entrepreneurs to thrive and achieve sustainable growth.

Chris Gordon

Entrepreneurs Access Network
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- Candidates must be a CEO, business leader or founder of a privately held company in Canada.
- For businesses with outside capital, the founding entrepreneur may still be nominated if they retain a majority ownership stake of what is left after deducting outside investments.
- If there are multiple cofounders, they may participate as a group if they meet the ownership criteria.
- The company must be at least two years old and 51% Black, Indigenous, Pan-Asian and/or Latino individuals.
- Only for-profit businesses with potential to scale are considered.

Diverse entrepreneurship in Canada:

Approximately 13.6% of Canadian small businesses (1-99 employees) are majority owned by diverse individuals.

These entrepreneurs face systemic barriers, including limited access to capital, mentorship and networks, which affect their ability to scale and sustain their businesses.



To nominate an entrepreneur:

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