



EY Entrepreneurs Access Network

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

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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 or Indigenous 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 helps **Black and Indigenous leaders** access learning and networks to bridge the disparity gap and soar to new heights.

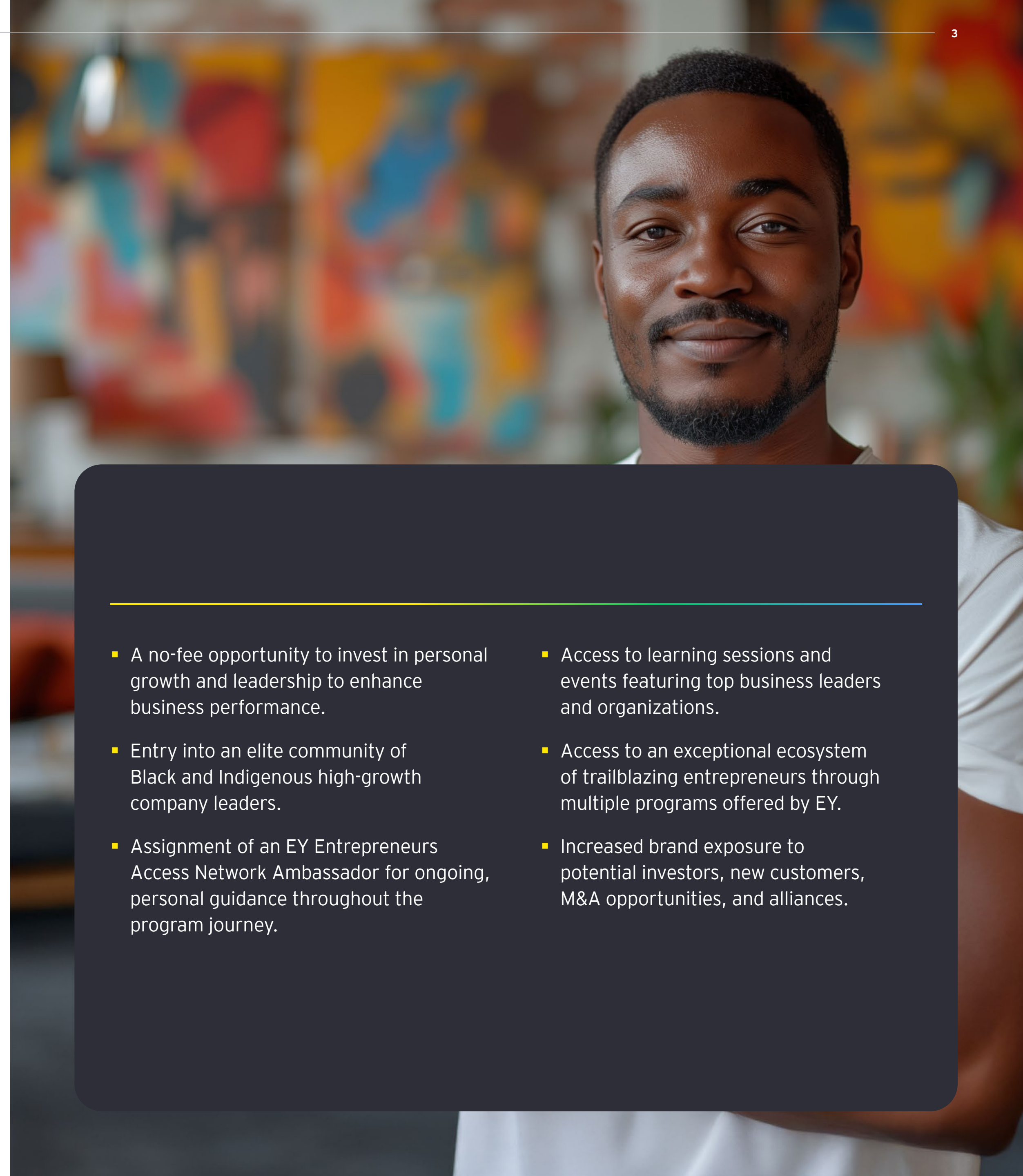


EY Entrepreneurial Winning Women™ is an endorsement of potential, an executive program and community of women leaders.



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.
- Access to learning sessions and events featuring top business leaders and organizations.
- Entry into an elite community of Black and Indigenous high-growth company leaders.
- Access to an exceptional ecosystem of trailblazing entrepreneurs through multiple programs offered by EY.
- Assignment of an EY Entrepreneurs Access Network Ambassador for ongoing, personal guidance throughout the program journey.
- Increased brand exposure to potential investors, new customers, M&A opportunities, and alliances.





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Companies owned by underrepresented groups contribute greatly to Canada's economy and capital markets. However, many face challenges in accessing funding, capital, and connections. Through the Entrepreneurs Access Network, participants can leverage EY knowledge, tools, and professionals, and build a strong support community to grow successfully and sustainably

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- Candidates must be a Black or Indigenous 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 or Indigenous owned.
- Only for-profit businesses with potential to scale are considered.

≈3.5m

Entrepreneurs in Canada

45,000

Canadians started a business in 2018 – the highest rate in the last decade, with many newcomers among them.

1.2m

Canadians identify as Black, 3.5% of Canada's total population. Despite this, a Statistics Canada survey estimated there are only approximately 2,000 black-owned businesses of significant scale Canada-wide.

1.8m+

Indigenous People live in Canada. Yet only 1.4% of Canada's small and medium enterprises are owned by Indigenous People.



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