



Resource Guide for Women Entrepreneurs

Greater Toronto Area

BDC is proud to provide you the Resource Guide *for women entrepreneurs in the Greater Toronto Area*.*

This guide identifies the various initiatives of BDC partner organizations that can help women entrepreneurs grow their businesses. The initiatives are presented according to their needs and stage of development.

* This document is based on information provided by various BDC partners. Some initiatives may have evolved or changed since the publication of this document.

Women entrepreneurs needs

Inspiration : Benefit from sharing success with other women entrepreneurs

Access to resources: Learn more about relevant resources and available support options

Financing: Access to financing

Development: Knowledge and access to resources/initiatives that allow women to develop the necessary business skills to succeed

Network of contacts, partners and mentors: Connect with key players and a community of industry experts

Growth stage of businesses targeted by partners

Start-ups: Businesses in the early stages of development

Expansion: Businesses looking to grow or scale up

Reaching new markets: Businesses expanding in Canada or in international markets

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<u>Business Development Bank of Canada (BDC)</u>									
<u>Supplier Diversity</u>	All revenues		●			●	●	●	●
<u>Women Entrepreneurs</u>	All revenues	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
<u>Women in Technology Venture Fund</u>	All revenues	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
<u>Canaccord Genuity Corp</u>		●	●		●	●		●	●
The Canaccord Genuity Advisory Program for Women Entrepreneurs	None	●	●		●	●		●	●
<u>Canada's 2SLGBTQI+ Chamber of Commerce (CGLCC)</u>									
<u>Supplier Diversity</u>	Not specified	●	●		●	●	●	●	●
<u>Canadian Aboriginal & Minority Supplier Council (CAMSC)</u>	\$250,000 to \$1M					●	●	●	●
<u>Canadian Intellectual Property Office</u>									
<u>IP awareness and education program</u>	Not specified		●		●	●	●	●	●
<u>Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters (CM&E)</u>	Not specified					●	●	●	●
<u>Canadian Women’s Chamber of Commerce (CanWCC)</u>	Not specified	●	●		●	●	●	●	●
<u>City of Toronto</u>	Not specified					●	●	●	●

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<u>Ernst & Young (EY)</u>									
Entrepreneurial Winning Women™	\$2M to \$30M	●	●		●	●	●	●	●
<u>Export Development Canada</u>									
EDC Women in Trade	\$100,000 and over	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
<u>Forum for International Trade Training (FITT)</u>	Not specified	●	●		●	●	●	●	●
<u>Futurpreneur Canada</u>									
Start-up Program	Not specified	●	●	●	●	●	●		
<u>Global Affairs Canada (GAC)</u>									
Business Women in International Trade (BWIT)	All revenues	●	●		●	●			●
CanExport SMEs	Declare between \$100K and \$100M in annual revenue in Canada during the last 12 months			●				●	●
<u>Trade Commissioner Service (TCS)</u>	All revenues	●	●	●	●	●		●	●
<u>Grand Erie Business Centre</u>	Not specified			●		●	●	●	●

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<u>GroYourBiz Ltd.</u>									
Peer to Peer Advisory Boards	\$1M+	●	●	●	●	●		●	●
<u>Innovation Canada</u>	Not specified		●			●	●	●	●
<u>Mitacs</u>	Not specified		●	●	●		●	●	●
<u>National Research Council of Canada (NRC)</u>									
<u>Industrial Research Assistance Program (IRAP)</u>	\$0 to \$50,000	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
<u>Nottawasaga Futures</u>	Not specified	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
<u>Ontario Centres of Excellence (OCE)</u>					●		●	●	●
<u>Organization of Women in International Trade – Toronto (OWIT)</u>	Not specified	●	●		●	●	●	●	●
<u>PARO Centre for Women’s Enterprise</u>									
Network for Women Entrepreneurs	Not specified	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Webinars/workshop for Women Entrepreneurs	Not specified	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Women Entrepreneurs Knowledge Hub	Not specified		●			●	●	●	●

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<u>Public Services and Procurement Canada (PSPC) - Office of Small and Medium Enterprises (OSME)</u>									
Doing Business with the Government of Canada	Not specified								
<u>SheEO</u>									
SheEO Ventures	\$250,000 to \$1M								
<u>Startup Canada</u>									
Startup Women Program	Up to \$50,000								
<u>The Big Push</u>									
The Lift-Off Program	\$100,000 to \$200,000								
<u>Toronto Region Board of Trade</u>									
Canada’s Trade Accelerator Program (TAP)	Not specified								
<u>W NORTH</u>	\$1M to \$2M								
<u>WEConnect International</u>									
Certification and Global Market Access	\$100,000+								

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<u>Women Business Enterprises Canada Council (WBE Canada)</u>									
Supplier Diversity - WBE Certification	More than \$10M		●			●	●	●	●
WBE Canada Toolbox	More than \$10M	●	●		●	●	●	●	●
Networking and Matchmaking Events	More than \$10M	●	●		●	●	●	●	●
<u>Women Entrepreneurship Knowledge Hub (WEKH)</u>	Not specified	●	●		●	●	●	●	●
<u>Women Initiative Foundation (WIF)</u>									
Transatlantic	Over \$1M	●			●	●		●	●
<u>Women of Influence</u>									
<u>RBC Canadian Women Entrepreneur Awards</u>	\$1M to \$2M	●					●	●	
<u>Women Presidents’ Organization (WPO)</u>									
Annual International Conferences	\$2M+	●	●	●	●	●		●	●
Chapter Affiliation	\$2M+	●	●	●	●	●		●	●