



WOMEN  
FOUNDERS  
NETWORK

# WE BELIEVE IN THE FEMALE FOUNDER



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# About Us

Women Founders Network is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that provides resources and education on entrepreneurship and investing to women and girls.

Through our annual Fast Pitch competition, we provide access to capital, visibility, and mentoring for female founders. Our Startup Fundamentals webinars and community networking events offer valuable resources and connection opportunities for female founders.

We hope to inspire the next generation of women investors through our Due Diligence Analyst program for university women and our Junior Venture Capitalist program for girls in grades 9-12.



# Our Impact

## Since 2013:

- \$200M+ raised by Fast Pitch alumni
- \$1.5M in cash and services awarded
- 1,100+ Fast Pitch applicants
- 6,000+ subscribers in our network
- Over 120 girls educated through our Junior VC program
- Created Due Diligence Analyst program for university women in 2021

# Our Programs

## FEMALE FOUNDERS

Educational resources include Startup Fundamentals webinars on topics from pitch decks to financial forecasts and our "Show Her The Money" podcasts.

Our annual Fast Pitch competition provides access to capital, visibility, pitch coaching and mentoring.

Networking events provide opportunities for connection and helpful advice.



## COLLEGE WOMEN

Gain real-world experience through this introduction to investing in our Due Diligence Analyst Program.

Students are paired with investor mentors and learn about performing due diligence on startups by conducting guided research on our Fast Pitch finalist companies.

Students present their reports to our Fast Pitch judges and Junior VCs.



## HOW TO GET INVOLVED

We welcome your support in any of the following ways:

- Sponsorship
- Donate Services
- Volunteer
- Individual Donation



## JUNIOR VC PROGRAM

Young women in grades 9-12 are invited to learn the fundamentals of entrepreneurship and investing through meetings with investors and founders, and as 'venture capitalist for a day' at the WFN Fast Pitch Event!

We hope to inspire the next generation of women investors.





# Our Programs

## FEMALE FOUNDERS

### 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Fast Pitch Competition 2023

Apply April 1 – May 31 at [www.WomenFoundersNetwork.org](http://www.WomenFoundersNetwork.org)

#### *Application Criteria:*

- Founder/Co-Founder/CEO must identify as a woman or business must be majority-owned by a woman
- Company may operate in any industry, with the exception of Life Sciences, cannabis/CBD, and nonprofits
- Must have raised no more than \$750,000 in outside funding (including personal cash funds), but excluding research grants or other non-recourse, non-dilutive grants, or PPP loans
- Early-stage plans are welcome (need to show some indication of customer interest, such as customer sign-ups, LOI's, etc.)
- Must attend the annual Fast Pitch Event in October in person
- Business must be based in the United States

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# Our Programs

## UNIVERSITY WOMEN

### Due Diligence Analyst Program

Apply March 1 – April 30 at [www.WomenFoundersNetwork.org](http://www.WomenFoundersNetwork.org)

#### *Application Criteria:*

- Applicant must identify as a woman and be enrolled at a college or university for the 2023-2024 academic year
- There is no fee to apply
- The program will run from June through October 2022
- Each team of analysts and their mentor will be assigned a WFN Fast Pitch finalist company to analyze for its investment potential and prepare a due diligence report which they will present to the Junior Venture Capitalists and Fast Pitch Judges

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# Our Programs

## JUNIOR VENTURE CAPITALIST PROGRAM

**Young women in grades 9-12 are invited to apply**  
**Apply March 1 – April 30 at [www.WomenFoundersNetwork.org](http://www.WomenFoundersNetwork.org)**

Since 2014, the Junior Judge program has educated more than 120 young women about entrepreneurship and investing through event outings to meet with women business leaders, interactive online assignments, workshops teaching the fundamentals of business, and their participation in the annual Women Founders Network Fast Pitch Event as “venture capitalists for a day” to vote for their favorite company and present a sponsored cash award to their winner.

The Junior VCs walk away from the experience feeling confident, inspired, and motivated, knowing there is a strong community of women available to support them in achieving their goals.

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# Support Women & Girls

## HOW TO GET INVOLVED

We welcome your support in any of the following ways:

- **Cash Sponsorship**
  - Fast Pitch cash grants for our finalist companies
  - Program sponsorship
  - Event sponsorship
- **Donate Services**
  - In-kind sponsors donate professional services such as accounting, legal, marketing/PR, tech, etc., to be awarded to our Fast Pitch finalists
- **Community Partners**
  - Partner with us to expand your reach and provide mutually beneficial perks for our respective networks
- **Volunteer** – Contact us to learn about current opportunities
- **Individual Donation** – Make a tax deductible donation to support our programs for women and girls

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# We Can Make A Difference!

## Access to Capital



We help women founders access the capital and expertise they need to launch their companies

## Women Helping Women



Female-friendly environment and mentorship from top women professionals in the LA business community

## Next Generation



Our Junior Judge and Fellows programs educate and inspire the next generation of female founders and investors

# WE ARE BUILDING THE FEMALE ENTREPRENEUR ECOSYSTEM

SINCE 2013

**\$1.5 Million**

Cash and Services Awarded &  
Invested by WFN Members

**\$200 Million+**

Funding Raised  
by Alumni

**1,100+**  
APPLICANTS

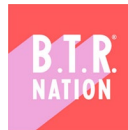
**7,000+**  
ATTENDEES

**6,000+**  
NETWORK  
MEMBERS

**10,000+**  
IMPRESSIONS &  
REACH



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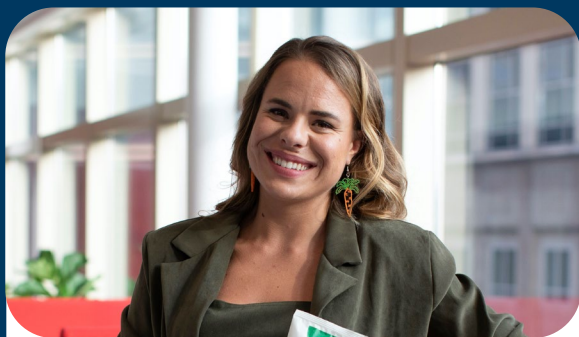
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# What Our Finalists Say



**Kaitlin Mogentale**  
Pulp Pantry  
Founder

"Thus far, the assistance provided by WFN has far surpassed my expectations. Beyond the pitch competition, and the opportunity to speak to a crowd of potential investors and partners, I have received invaluable, ongoing support from network partners. I will be a forever fan and participant!!"



**Fran Dunaway**  
TomboyX  
CEO & Co-Founder

"My involvement with WFN has been a gift that keeps on giving. Not only did we get investors, we got mentors who have played a crucial role in our growth. I've gained not only a network of amazing, powerful women, but also new friends for life."



**Sashee Chandran**  
Tea Drops  
Founder & CEO

"All women entrepreneurs should apply despite the company size—even if they don't make the final top 10. If you have a great business concept, there is still an opportunity to receive funding from investors who review your application."

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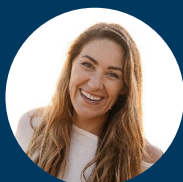
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WFN is a community of highly motivated women who come together to be inspired, to celebrate, and to invest in the future.

We invite you to join us!



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