



RBC Canadian Women
Entrepreneur Awards

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2022 RBC CANADIAN WOMEN ENTREPRENEUR AWARD WINNERS ANNOUNCED TONIGHT

Seven outstanding female entrepreneur winners awarded following another record-breaking year.

TORONTO, NOVEMBER 23rd, 2022 – The 30th annual RBC Canadian Women Entrepreneur Awards, presented by Women of Influence, announces seven winners of the 2022 awards. These award winners join the five recipients of the up-and-coming entrepreneur Ones to Watch award category, which was announced in September of this year.

The winners in each of the award categories are inspiring and resilient leaders who have demonstrated what it takes to be successful in today's rapidly changing economy. This year's cohort of recipients spans sectors that include social-emotional learning, human resources, clean-tech, construction, health and beauty, AI and beyond.

"For 30 years, the RBC Canadian Women Entrepreneur Awards have spotlighted countless stories of inspiring women innovators and leaders who are transforming the Canadian business landscape – and this year's winners are a further testament to the leadership, passion and ingenuity coming out of this community," said Sean Amato-Gauci, Executive Vice President, Business Financial Services, RBC. "As we launch a new decade of the 2022 RBC Canadian Women Entrepreneur Awards, we're excited to discover and share more of these remarkable stories of entrepreneurship and to celebrate the achievements of exceptional women in Canadian business."

Now in its 30th year, the RBC Canadian Women Entrepreneur Awards program recognizes the country's leading women entrepreneurs and organizational leaders who have made impressive and substantial contributions to the local, Canadian or global economy. The judging panel of the awards program is comprised of 15 judges who are notably some of Canada's top business leaders, including: Françoise Lyon, President and Managing Partner, DGC Capital; Christine Scott, Founder, The Accomplice Project; Surranna Sandy, CEO, Skills for Change; Elizabeth Dipchand, Intellectual Property Lawyer, Dipchand LLP and Janis Nixon, Director Corporate Engagement, Futurpreneur.

The official announcement of the 2022 award recipients was made at the 30th Annual RBC Canadian Women Entrepreneur Awards gala, which was held at the Fairmont Royal York on November 23rd and hosted by Marcia MacMillan, Anchor, CTV News Channel.



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This year, over 9,000 nominations were received recognizing women entrepreneurs from across the country.

The 2022 award winners are:

- Ami Shah, Peekapak, Mississauga, ON, **Micro-Business Award**
- Andrea Gomez and Rachelle Séguin, Omy Laboratoires, Québec, QC, **Start-Up Award**
- Jacqui Winter, HR Project Partners Inc., St. John's, NL, **RBC Momentum Award**
- Dr. Claudine Cousins, Empower Simcoe, Barrie, ON, **Social Change Award: Regional Impact**
- Brandy Svendsen and Dr. Natalie Chan, Be the Change Group, Vancouver, BC, **Social Change Award: National Impact**
- Natasha Dhayagude, Chinova Bioworks Inc., Fredericton, NB, **Innovation Award**
- Nicole Bourque-Bouchier, Bouchier, Edmonton, AB, **Excellence Award**

The Gala also honoured the recipients of the Ones to Watch Award: Caitlyn Vanderhaeghe, KidStar Nutrients; Fadwa Mohanna, One37 ID; Lisa Karandat and Alexa Monahan, Good Juju Body & Home; Shannon Hunter, Wander the Resort; and Tiffany Callender, The Federation of African Canadian Economics (FACE).

"We are honoured to recognize the incredible achievements of this year's award recipients," says Alicia Skalin, Co-CEO & Head of Events, Women of Influence. "The economic impact they have had on our country during turbulent times has been nothing short of remarkable."

For more information on this year's award winners, visit www.womenofinfluence.ca/rbc-cwea.

About the RBC Canadian Women Entrepreneur Awards

The RBC Canadian Women Entrepreneur Awards are the pre-eminent national business awards recognizing the country's leading female entrepreneurs. The awards are an initiative of Women of Influence, an award-winning organization dedicated to advancing women globally.

About Women of Influence Worldwide Inc.

Women of Influence, now in its 28th year, is one of North America's leading organizations offering solutions for workplace gender equality and women's advancement. Through our global events, digital media, signature awards, and consulting, Women of Influence reaches a diverse community of professional women and men across Canada and internationally. Providing insights and inspiration, perspectives on key issues, and creating opportunities to connect — we are making change happen for women, today. Our signature programs include the Top 25 Women of Influence Awards and the RBC Canadian Women Entrepreneur Awards. For more information, please visit www.womenofinfluence.com

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