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PIONEER AWARD

## CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

SEEKING OUTSTANDING WOMEN IMPACT  
ENTREPRENEURS IN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

**Apply before June 16, 2026**



Adi Yehezkeli, 2023 fellow, Co-Founder & CEO of Fabumin

The Cartier Women's Initiative is an annual international entrepreneurship program that aims to drive change by empowering women impact entrepreneurs.

Open to women entrepreneurs from any country and sector, this award highlights disruptive solutions built around unique, protected, or hard-to-reproduce technological or scientific advances that require heavy research and development, a long commercialization cycle, high capital intensity, technology risk, and complexity.

# APPLY NOW!

[www.cartierwomensinitiative.com/science-technology-pioneer-award](http://www.cartierwomensinitiative.com/science-technology-pioneer-award)

All applications must be submitted in English.

**Deadline: June 16, 2026, 2 p.m. Central European Summer Time (CEST)**

## WHY APPLY?

### FINANCIAL CAPITAL SUPPORT

- \$100,000 USD grant for each first-place awardee
- \$60,000 USD grant for each second-place awardee
- \$30,000 USD grant for each third-place awardee

### HUMAN CAPITAL SUPPORT

Human capital support is structured into a fellowship program, which includes a combination of 1:1 training and collective workshops.

- Leadership communications and media training
- In-person INSEAD Women's Impact Entrepreneurship Program
- 1:1 training in specific business areas
- 1:1 executive leadership coaching

### SOCIAL CAPITAL SUPPORT

Throughout the program, we strive to highlight the social and environmental impact created by our fellows and bridge connections between women impact entrepreneurs and their supporters.

- International exposure and media visibility
- Support and mentorship by jury members during the fellowship
- Lifelong access to 500+ active members
- Ongoing support for the development of the fellows' impact businesses

## WHO SHOULD APPLY?

### ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

**Technological & scientific innovation:** The business should be based on the development of a new technology, a complex engineering process, or a scientific discovery, and not only on a disruptive business model or existing technological blocks.

**Positive impact:** The business should demonstrate the potential to have a significant positive impact in its industry. It should contribute to at least one of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

**For-profit:** The business should be designed to generate sufficient revenue to support its operations and return some level of profit to its owners. It does not need to be profitable at the time of application.

**Stage:** The business should be in the initial phase of its development and commercialization, with at least laboratory validation of the prototype (minimum TRL 4) and must not have been commercializing its final product/service for more than five years.

**Fundraising:** The business must not have raised a Series A round.

**Leadership:** The applicant must be a woman and fill one of the main leadership positions, for example as CEO, COO, CTO, general manager, or managing director of the business.

**Independent entity:** The business entity and its finances must be independent from the founder(s). Moreover, it must be an original creation, wholly conceived of by the team; a completely new concept. University spin-offs are eligible to apply.

**Ownership:** The business must be incorporated and majority owned by its founders and team members at the time of application. The applicant must be part of the founding team and own a share greater or equal to that of her co-founder(s).

**English proficiency:** A good command of the English language is required. We require the Common European Framework of Reference Level B2 or above.

**Commitment:** The applicant must commit to participating in the fellowship program from January to December 2027. Fellows are required to report on their impact for three years following the completion of their fellowship.

### SELECTION CRITERIA

- Technological innovation
- Embedded positive impact
- Business model sustainability and development plan
- Market access strategy
- Team
- Leadership character of the applicant

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