



CANADIAN TECH STARTUP AWARDS

Your 2026–2027 deadline calendar

A free reference guide to the key dates for Canada's most credible startup and tech business awards — organized chronologically across B2B SaaS, B2B services, B2C, deep tech/AI, women in tech, employer brand & workplace culture, and age-based programs.

● CONFIRMED

Date confirmed directly from an official source.

● ESTIMATED

Based on a strong historical pattern — verify on the official page before relying on it.

DATE	AWARD	STATUS	DETAILS & SOURCE
Aug 2026 (est.)	Canada's Top Growing Women-Led Companies — Applications open Women in Tech	● ESTIMATED	The Globe and Mail, Report on Business. Ranks 3-year revenue growth for companies founded or majority-led by women. Results publish the following April. theglobeandmail.com
Sept 22–24, 2026	Elevate Festival + Women+ Pitch Prize B2C · Women in Tech · Deep Tech	● CONFIRMED	Toronto. Home of the Firehood-backed Women+ pitch prize. elevate.ca/women-entrepreneur-incubator
Sept 2026 (est.)	TechTO Canadian Rocketships — list published All categories	● ESTIMATED	Nomination-based; historically aligned with Elevate week. blog.techto.org
Oct 1, 2026	G2 quarterly badge refresh B2B SaaS · B2B Services	● ESTIMATED	Recurring quarterly (Jan / Apr / Jul / Oct). Requires 10+ reviews in the prior year. g2.com/best-software-companies
Oct 23, 2026 (est.)	Deloitte Technology Fast 50 — Winners announced B2B SaaS · B2B Services	● ESTIMATED	Toronto gala. Based on 2025 announcement date. fast50.ca
Oct 29, 2026 (est.)	WXN Top 100 — Gala Women in Tech	● ESTIMATED	Toronto. Recent galas held late October. wxnetwork.com
Nov 2–30, 2026 (est.)	CIX Startup Awards — Applications open Deep Tech/AI · B2B SaaS	● ESTIMATED	Prior cycle opened Nov 3, closed Nov 30. cixsummit.com

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Nov 13, 2026	RBC Canadian Women Entrepreneur Awards — Gala B2C · Women in Tech	● CONFIRMED	Ritz-Carlton, Toronto. womenofinfluence.ca/rbc-cwea
Nov 18, 2026 (est.)	Canadian FinTech & AI Awards — Gala Deep Tech/AI	● ESTIMATED	Toronto. Digital Finance Institute; historically mid-late November. digitalfinanceinstitute.org
Nov 30, 2026 (est.)	Canadian Grand Prix New Product Awards — Submission deadline B2C	● ESTIMATED	Retail Council of Canada. Prior cycle deadline was Nov 30. rccgrandprix.ca
Dec 2026–Jan 2027 (est.)	DMZ Women of the Year Award — Nominations Women in Tech	● ESTIMATED	Individual women leaders across Canadian tech & business. Nominations (self or third-party) typically open December, close mid-to-late January; winners announced at DMZ's Women Innovation Summit each March, timed around IWD. dmz.torontomu.ca/women-innovation-summit
Jan 18, 2027 (est.)	RBC Canadian Women Entrepreneur Awards — Nominations open (next cycle) B2C · Women in Tech	● ESTIMATED	Nominations have opened mid-January in recent cycles. womenofinfluence.ca/rbc-cwea
Feb 19, 2027	Business in Vancouver — Forty Under 40 Gala Age Group	● CONFIRMED	Parq Vancouver. biv.com/upcoming-events/forty-under40
Mar 24, 2027 (est.)	CIX Summit + Startup Award Ceremony Deep Tech/AI · B2B SaaS	● ESTIMATED	Toronto. 2026 Summit was held March 25. cixsummit.com
Apr 14, 2027 (est.)	WCT Awards Gala Women in Tech	● ESTIMATED	Canadian Women in Communications and Technology. Based on 2026 gala date. wct-fct.com/awards-gala
May 1–3, 2027 (est.)	Canada's Top 100 Employers — Applications due Employer Brand & Workplace Culture · B2B Services	● ESTIMATED	Mediacorp. Evaluates HR programs across 8 criteria. Winners announced each November with The Globe and Mail and on Eluta.ca. canadastop100.com

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May 1–3, 2027 (est.)	Greater Toronto's Top Employers — Applications due Employer Brand & Workplace Culture · B2B Services	● ESTIMATED	Mediacorp. Same methodology as Canada's Top 100 Employers, scoped to the GTA. Same application; winners announced each December. canadastop100.com/toronto
Year-round	Great Place to Work Certification™ / Best Workplaces™ in Canada Employer Brand & Workplace Culture · B2B Services	● CONFIRMED	Employee-survey-based (Trust Index), not an editorial application. Open year-round; requires 10+ employees and a 65%+ positive score. Individual "Best Workplaces" lists each carry their own deadline. greatplacetowork.ca
May 1–31, 2027 (est.)	Clutch Global Awards — Spring cycle window B2B SaaS · B2B Services	● ESTIMATED	Spring cycles have historically been announced in May. clutch.co
May 7, 2027 (est.)	Canada's Best Managed Companies — Winners announced B2B SaaS · B2B Services	● ESTIMATED	Recent announcements have landed the first or second week of May. bestmanagedcompanies.ca
Jun 1–2, 2027 (est.)	Canadian Grand Prix New Product Awards — Gala B2C	● ESTIMATED	Toronto. 2026 gala was held June 3. rccgrandprix.ca
Jun 2027 (est.)	Canadian HR Awards — Nominations close Employer Brand & Workplace Culture · B2B Services	● ESTIMATED	HRD Canada. 20+ categories across leadership, emerging talent, culture, and L&D. Nominations typically open late March, close mid-to-late June; no fee; gala each October in Toronto. hrawards.ca
Jul 15, 2027 (est.)	Business in Vancouver — Forty Under 40 — Nominations close Age Group	● ESTIMATED	Based on the 2026 cycle's July 15 deadline. biv.com/upcoming-events/forty-under40

How to use this calendar: dates marked **ESTIMATED** follow each program's recent historical pattern but have not yet been officially confirmed for this cycle. Always check the linked source before finalizing a submission timeline — award deadlines can shift year to year. For the full guide — including how many awards to apply for, how to vet a legitimate program, and the complete category breakdown — see the companion resource: [The Canadian Tech Startup's Guide to Business Awards](#).

Note on employer brand awards: Forbes/Statista's Canada's Best Employers ranking requires a minimum of 500 employees in Canada and generally isn't a fit for startups — Great Place to Work Certification is the more realistic entry point for an early or growth-stage company.