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Innovation Learning Accelerator for CPAs



Join the Future Leaders of the Innovation Economy

The Innovation Learning Accelerator is a unique opportunity designed to fast-track your career to a c-suite position.

Experience 11-weeks of immersive development and learn directly from leading Canadian innovators including **Jim Balsillie**, **John Ruffolo**, and **more**.

This opportunity is designed to empower CPAs with the knowledge, exposure and experience needed to become financial leaders of organizations that are driving innovation.

Are you ready to join an elite group of CPAs?



What You Will Learn



Fundamentals and Beyond

In addition to classroom fundamentals in strategy, operations, and finance, you will dive into relevant industry topics like AI & controllership, IP strategy, and raising capital to give you the skills to succeed as a finance leader in the innovation economy.



Real Lessons from Real Leaders

This is not your typical lecture series.

It's an intimate, interactive and engaging learning experience with direct access to the country's leading financial minds. Each week you will learn from industry leaders like **John Ruffolo**, **Jim Balsillie**, **Janet Bannister** and **Brice Scheschuk**, as they share first-hand lessons from their experiences building million and billion-dollar businesses.



Unparalleled Community-Building

Over 11 weeks, these highly engaging weekly sessions include post-lesson networking sessions, invites to exclusive events with alumni, and a formalized mentorship program that pairs participants with leaders in the industry.

Not only did I get a clear picture of what it takes to lead a team in the innovation economy, but I also **formed lasting connections that have expanded my network** immensely.



Dwyane Goodridge
CPA, CMA

**Senior Relationship Manager,
Supply Chain, RBC**

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Learn From the Best



Jim Balsillie

An internationally renowned voice on innovation strategy, competitiveness and international economic policy, Jim Balsillie's career in Canadian business spans volumes.



John Ruffolo

John is the Founder and Managing Partner of Maverix Private Equity, a private equity firm funded and operated by entrepreneurs for entrepreneurs. He is also the Founder of OMERS Ventures and Co-Founder and Vice Chair of the Council of Canadian Innovators.



Janet Bannister


Janet is the Founder and General Partner of Staircase Ventures which invests in Canada's most promising early-stage tech companies.



Brice Scheschuk CPA, CA

Brice is the managing partner of Globalive Capital. He was a co-founder and CFO of WIND Mobile as well as CEO of Globalive Communications.

Who Should Apply




Are you a **CPA** and currently working at a **startup or scaleup**, or interested in learning more about them?



Do you possess **strong leadership skills** and see your future self as a senior financial leader **driving Canada's innovation economy forward**?



Do you love learning, developing yourself and **being at the forefront of innovation**?



Are you energized at the thought of **sharing ideas and experiences with like-minded peers** while learning directly from Canadian finance leaders?

**If so, this program
is made for you.**



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Built to **Scale.**

If you are interested in leading a finance function at a start-up or scale-up, then **this course is the perfect primer. I feel excited about my future as a leader in this space**, and understand much better where I need to focus to accomplish my career goals.



Sattwica Goyal
CPA, CA

**Sr. Director of Finance,
Corporate Controller, Compucom**

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Program Cost and Timing

Launch Date

The program kicks off on January 20, 2026 in Toronto, at 69 Bloor Street with an exclusive Welcome Event, hosted by founders Carol Wilding, Jim Balsillie and John Ruffolo.

Weekly Sessions

For 11 weeks, sessions will run every Tuesday from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and will include a formal lesson, panel discussion, and networking social. A light dinner and refreshments are also included each week.

Graduation Date

The program runs until April 7, 2026, when upon successful completion of the program you will be presented with a certificate at a graduation ceremony celebrating your achievement.

Program Cost

The course tuition is \$6,500 CDN and is due in full at the time of enrollment.

Scholarships

For scholarship eligibility, please provide the required information in your application to be considered or email ILA@cpaontario.ca for further information.

→ How to Apply

Space in this program is very limited. Apply now, commitment-free at CPAOntario.ca/ILAApPLY.

Our admissions committee will review your profile to determine fit based on previous experience before you are officially accepted into the program.



Learning directly from knowledgeable industry leaders has been an **invaluable experience**. This class has served as a **catalyst for personal and professional growth**.



Shruti Agnihotri
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