

Silicon Valley Comes to the UK (SVC2UK) was founded in 2006, by Reid Hoffman, Sherry Coutu CBE and Ellen Levy who felt compelled to **fuel the global ecosystem for tech entrepreneurship**. SVC2UK, now run out of London & Partners, has since hosted six female founder trade missions and created strong tribes of alumni who continue to support each other as they scale.

Building on our previous support, we are proud to **launch Beyond HERizons – a programme designed to support the journeys of female founders**.

## Programme Overview

Beyond HERizons is a **12-month programme** specifically designed to **target the funding gap** in the investment landscape and provide female founders with the **skillset, network and confidence to scale their businesses**.

Our mission for Beyond HERizons is to:

- **Support the female founder network on their scaling journeys**
- **Empower female founders to pursue and secure funding**
- **Build an inclusive and diverse network passionate about balancing gender inequalities in the investment ecosystem**

Beyond HERizons offers **a balance of content, practical support and investor networking opportunities**. The programme is **curated to be impactful and practical**, ensuring that our delegates **receive tangible and sustainable support** from experts, our partners and each other.

We also **bring the cohort together at wider ecosystem networking opportunities** throughout the year, plugging them into investors, founders, programme alumni, the wider SVC2UK community, and other ecosystem programmes across London and Silicon Valley.

The programme is made up of five key streams:

1. **Core Modules**
2. **Investor Connector Sessions**
3. **Experts & Advocates**
4. **Silicon Valley Mission**
5. **Peer & Ecosystem Networking**

## **Eligibility Criteria**

Beyond HERizons **supports female-led companies that are actively looking to secure their next round of investment** to continue their journey to scale.

To be eligible for our programme, we require companies applying to meet the following criteria:

- **Have secured previous investment**
- **Have between 5-100 employees**
- **Have a turnover of less than £40m**
- **Have a UK-registered company**
- **Have a minimum viable product**
- **To be actively seeking investment within the next 12-18 months**

We also require delegates to meet certain additional criteria including:

- **Be or identify with being a woman**
- **Be in an established leadership position within their businesses, including:**
  - **A founder/co-founder or in a c-suite position; and**
  - **In a position to determine fundraising strategy and approach such as an investment lead/co-lead position**

## **Apply Now**

**Applications are open from 8 March 2021. To find out more, and apply, please visit our website** where you will find our **programme prospectus and the application portal.**

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