

If you've been following BLANKSLATE Partners [on social media](#), you know that we've been excited about [#MetabridgeX](#) (June 6-8, 2018) in Kelowna for months now, and it's finally here! Metabridge is Canada's top executive retreat, attracting start-up entrepreneurs, tech company CEOs, and venture capitalists from across Canada.

Founder [Steve Wandler](#) started Metabridge in 2008 as a way to help startup entrepreneurs get access to high value talent in the Silicon Valley, and it's turned into an annual powerhouse event.

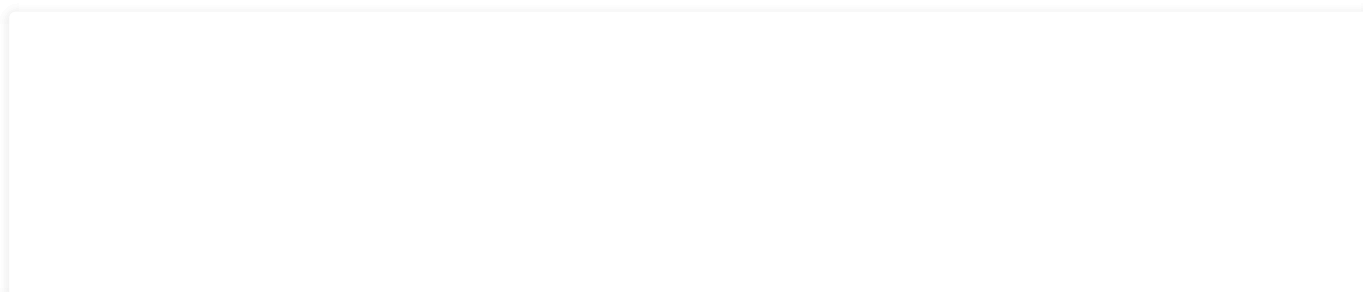
Who gets to go to Metabridge?

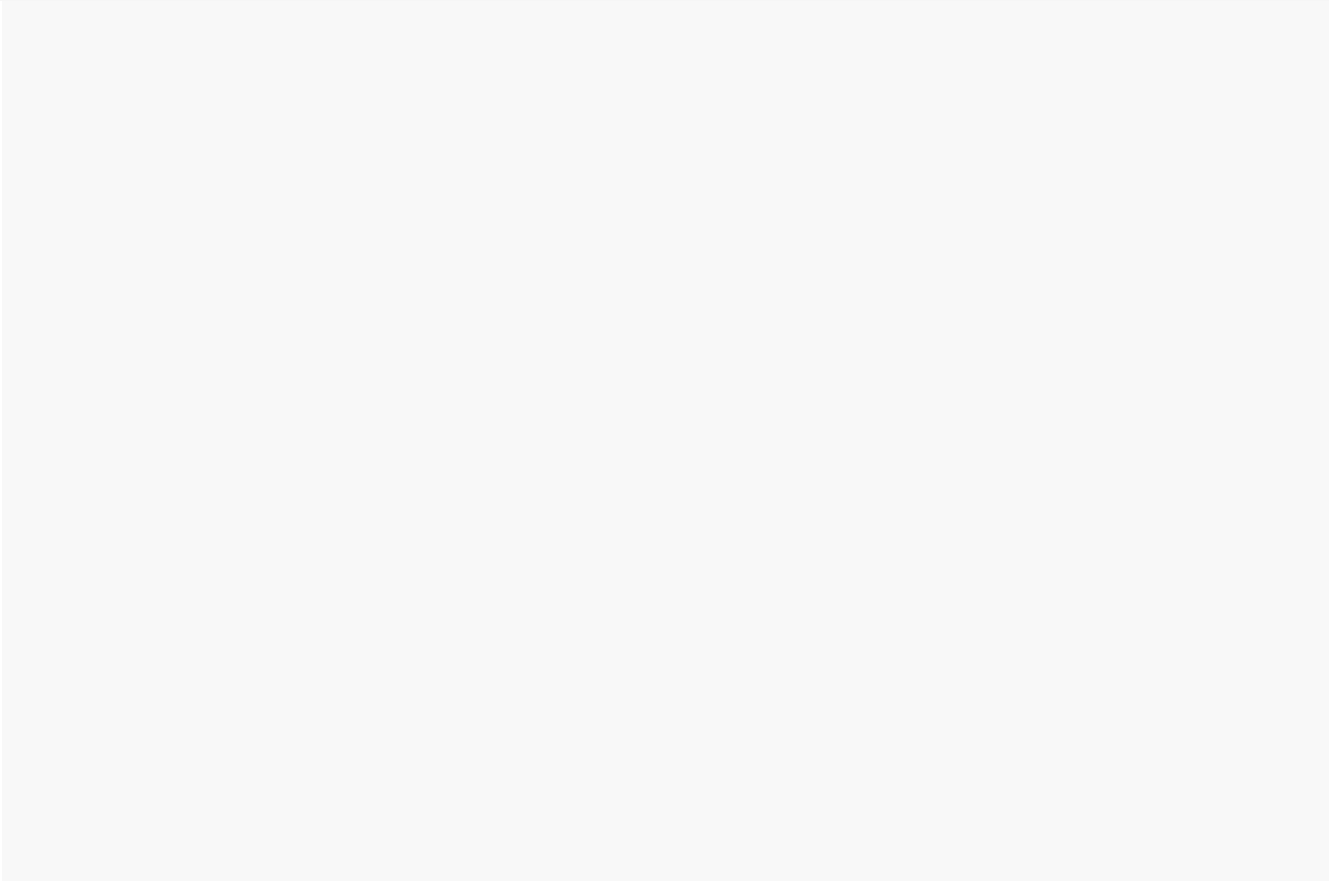
Metabridge is an invite-only event, with an advisory committee evaluating every application (get a headstart on Metabridge 2019 by [applying here!](#)).

You can also apply to be a **Top 15 Start-Up**, with the opportunity to attend for free and pitch your product to the assembled VCs and CEOs. This year, the Top 15 includes companies like [Zoom.ai](#), [Caddle](#), and [CrowdRiff](#).

The benefits of making it to the Top 15 can't be overstated. [Michael Brown's Swept](#) was featured as a Top 15 company in 2017: at the time, they had eight employees. After raising funding thanks to the connections he made at Metabridge, Swept has grown to **25** team members in 2018, and they continue to grow!

Top 15 Success Story Swept





When you finally get the team together for a group photo 📸 _ #teamphoto #bluesweater
#sweptforthewin #imbluedabadeedabadie #teambuilding #smile😊

A post shared by [Work Life @ Swept \(@weareswept\)](#) on Jun 1, 2018 at 10:58am PDT

What's on the agenda?

Metabridge is a three day event, but it's not all seminars and workshops!

(Did somebody say karaoke?)

Epic first day [@metabridge](#)you be the judge! [#MetabridgeX](#)
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— Steve Wandler (@stevewandler) [7 June 2018](#)

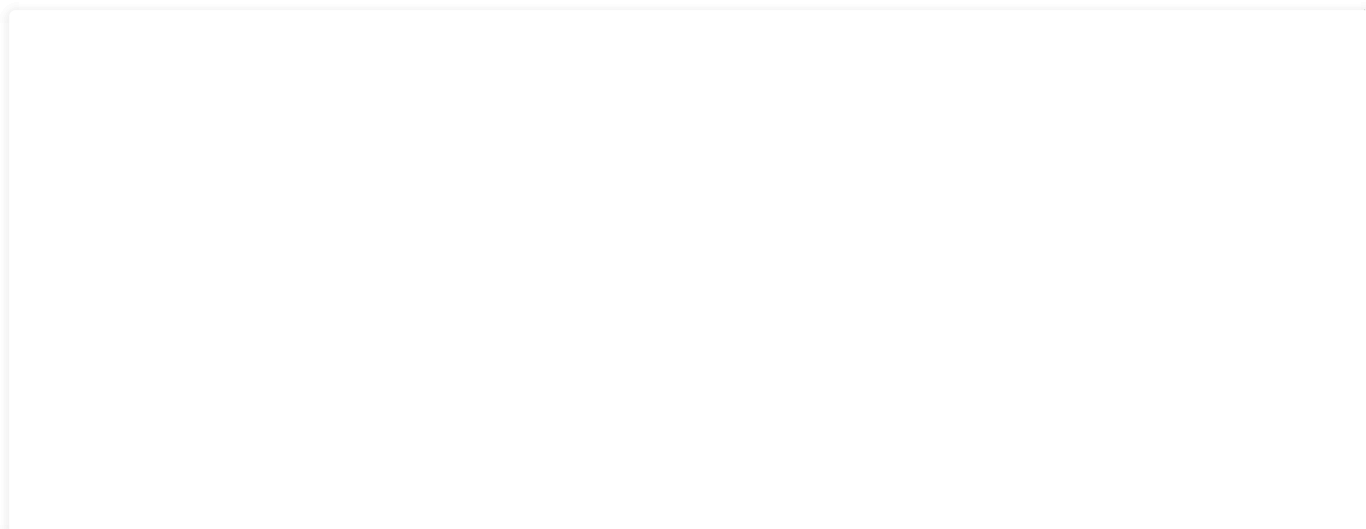
Instead, attendees can choose from a variety of *awesome* small group events, like...

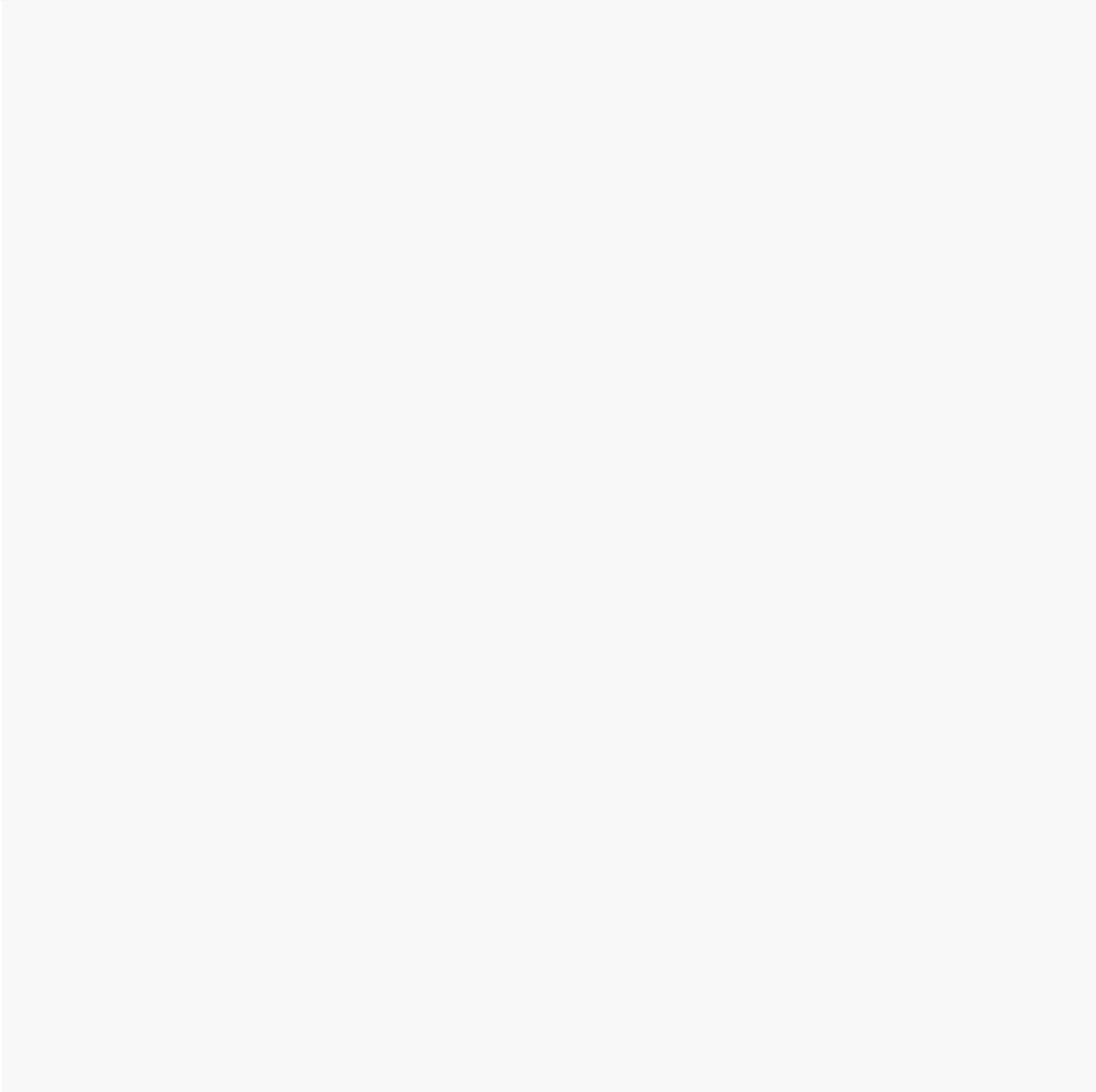
...a hockey game with former NHL players...

[@tysummach](#) from [@SportgoApp](#) gives pregame peep talk before [@metabridge](#) ProAm
[#RockemSockem](#) [#MetabridgeX](#) pic.twitter.com/cFqOs4eOUc

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...a helicopter ride over Lake Okanagan...





Well, I might have spent all night awake on a red eye (and still in my plane clothes) BUT it was worth it to land in time for a helicopter ride overlooking Kelowna and the Okanagan Lake ☺. Thanks to Shawn Abbott for being our awesome pilot! Great kickoff to the Metabridge conference! ☺☺#helicopterride

#metabridge #kiratalent #top15company #thisyearscohort #helicoptercrew #buyoneday?

A post shared by [Emilie \(@emiliecushman\)](#) on Jun 7, 2018 at 8:21pm PDT

...machine-excavating...

About to have some fun with excavators at [#MetabridgeX!](#) [@metabridge](#)
pic.twitter.com/vCVduZHRVE

— BLANKSLATE Partners (@BlankSlateHR) [7 June 2018](#)

and more!

These breakout events are designed to get attendees into small, like-minded groups, sharing successes and challenges alike. There are still roundtables and workshops, of course, but Metabridge is all about the potential for *connection* and *conversation*.

Having a great time and making great connections at [#MetabridgeX!](#) [@metabridge](#)
[@richegli](#) [@aguertin](#) pic.twitter.com/G1elpqJPvQ

— Alacrity Canada (@AlacrityCanada) [8 June 2018](#)

What are you waiting for?

[Apply for Metabridge 2019 now!](#)

