

10 VC funds that actually invest in women

names, stage, cheque size, investment thesis and the official application route. Each has been verified on the fund's own site in July 2026.

BEFORE YOU START

The problem isn't your idea. It's who you're knocking on.

1.2%

of European VC capital goes to all-women founding teams

4.7×

more likely to back female founders: funds where women are at least 30% of partners

4.9%

of funds have a majority of women among their partners

Sending your deck everywhere is the most expensive way to collect rejections. This list is funds with women in the investment thesis, not in the marketing copy.

For each one you get the stage they invest at, the real cheque size where they publish it, what they're looking for, and the official way in. No private e-mails to specific people. Funds that want submissions say so plainly, and those routes genuinely work.

How to use this list. Start by matching the stage, not the prestige. A seed fund won't reply to an idea on paper, and a pre-seed fund won't write you a Series A cheque. Filter by stage, then by thesis, and only then write. Three well-chosen applications beat thirty sent blind.

THE FUNDS

01 Ada Ventures

London & Bristol, UK

STAGE	Pre-seed and seed
CHEQUE	£250k to £1m in the first round
THESIS	Climate Equity, Economic Empowerment, Healthy Ageing. They judge founders on who they are, not on a CV and prior experience.
ALSO	40 hours of backup childcare and founder welfare support
APPLY	adventures.com/send-us-your-pitch

02 Fund F

Vienna, Austria

STAGE	Pre-seed and seed
CHEQUE	up to €600k
THESIS	They invest only in teams with at least one female co-founder. Digital, scalable models, with a preference for positive impact. The company can be founded and headquartered anywhere in Europe.
WORTH NOTING	One of the few funds open to all of Europe, Poland included
APPLY	The “Submit Pitch” button on fund-f.com

03 Auxxo Female Catalyst Fund

Germany

STAGE	Pre-seed and seed
THESIS	Sector agnostic. They back startups founded or co-founded by women in Europe, with an emphasis on women's presence in the cap table.
APPLY	auxxo.de/get-funded or partners@auxxo.de

04 Impact Shakers Ventures

Europe & UK

STAGE	Pre-seed and seed, after rounds below €2m
CHEQUE	€250k, follow-on up to €1.5m
THESIS	Climate Tech, Inclusion Tech, Impact Infrastructure. Founders from underrepresented groups, including women, people with migration experience, people with disabilities, LGBTQAI+ people.
REQUIREMENTS	A for-profit company, headquartered in Europe, with at least one person from an underrepresented group holding a significant stake
PROCESS	They pick around 8 companies a year and answer within four weeks at most
APPLY	The “Get on the Radar” platform at impactshakers.com/ventures or hello@impactshakers.com

05 Unconventional Ventures

Denmark, Nordics

STAGE	Pre-seed and seed
THESIS	Diverse teams building impact tech. Founders identifying as women, as Black and of other races, as people with migration experience, as LGBTQ+.
APPLY	No open form is published. Contact through unconventional.vc. Realistically: a warm introduction.

06 Astia

Silicon Valley, USA

SCALE	Over \$65m under management, more than 180 investments
THESIS	High-growth companies led by women, solving global problems. Areas: health, climate, wellbeing.
PROCESS	Their own Expert Sift, assessed by a network of more than 6,000 experts and designed to strip out bias
APPLY	astia.org/apply or info@astia.org

07 Female Founders Fund

New York, USA

STAGE	Seed
THESIS	Category-defining companies led by women with a point of view. Sectors: digital health, AI-based vertical software, beauty and personal care, pet products, deep tech.
APPLY	The “Submit your pitch” form at femalefoundersfund.com or hello@femalefoundersfund.com

08 How Women Invest

San Francisco, USA

STAGE	Early through growth, 24 investments across three funds
THESIS	Female founders as an undervalued asset class. A network of 25,000 women executives and entrepreneurs is how they source companies.
APPLY	howwomeninvest.com/pitch-us

09 Halogen Ventures

Los Angeles, USA

STAGE Early stage

THESIS Consumer tech led by women. More than 100 companies in the portfolio.

APPLY [No open form is published. Contact through the Contact tab at halogenvc.com.](#)

10 BBG Ventures

USA

STAGE Early stage

THESIS Underestimated founders solving big problems for the 99 percent. Areas: health, work, financial security, environment, consumer.

APPLY [No open form is published. Realistically: a warm introduction, or contact through bbgventures.com.](#)

STRAIGHT WITH YOU

Three entries, and one fund that didn't survive checking

Unconventional Ventures, Halogen Ventures and BBG Ventures publish no open application route. They stay on the list because they are active and have women in the investment thesis, but the way in is a warm introduction rather than a form. I would rather tell you than pretend a click is enough.

Voulez Capital, named in many “top VC for women” round-ups, is not operating and its domain is listed for sale. If you work from ready-made lists off the internet, check the fund still exists.

Accurate as of July 2026. Every entry verified directly on the fund's own site. Funds change their thesis and close for submissions, so check before you send.