

Member Bio - Eric Young



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In 1987 Eric Young co-founded Canaan Partners, an early-stage venture capital firm. Canaan has since raised \$5 billion in capital and led investments in over 475 startups – the firm is one of the few in the industry that specializes in both technology and healthcare industries. Eric led Canaan's investments in companies such as Copper Mountain Networks, ONI Systems, Sandforce, Ebates and Lancope. He joined Canaan from GE Venture Capital, where he was an SVP and held a number of leadership positions in two other GE operating businesses. An enthusiast for entrepreneurship, Eric serves as an advisor to several Cornell-affiliated organizations, including Entrepreneurship at Cornell, Praxis Center for Venture Development, Cornell Silicon Valley, Red Bear Angels, Thayer Ventures, CoVenture and BR Venture Fund. He helped shape the Commercialization Fellows program in the College of Engineering, and has served as an adjunct instructor in the NSF's I-Corps program for technology commercialization. Eric also advises aspiring entrepreneurs through skill development organizations such as Scout and Mosaic, located at Northeastern University. Eric earned a B.S. in mechanical engineering from Cornell University and an MBA from Northwestern University.

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