

Alicia Navarro

President & Co-Founder at Skimlinks, Founder at Navarland

Alicia Navarro is a seasoned tech entrepreneur, inspiring leader, and empathetic advisor and startup coach. Born to working class Spanish and Cuban migrants to Australia, she graduated at the top of her Computing Science class, and then turned a business idea in her Sydney living room to a global business empire employing hundreds of people, innovating on culture and leadership, and changing the way media companies monetize their content.

Alicia was the founder and CEO of Skimlinks, a high tech platform that helped media companies such as BuzzFeed, Conde Nast, Aol and Business Insider monetize their commerce-related content. Headquartered in London, she set up offices in San Francisco and New York, and grew the company to be a \$50m/year business.

In 2018, after 12 years at the helm, she stepped down as CEO to focus on her next venture: exploring the physical and mental spaces that bring out the best in human potential. Her love of entrepreneurship has also driven her to work as an Entrepreneur-in-Residence at the venture capital firms First Minute and Breega Capital, to mentor at various accelerators such as Seedcamp, TechStars and Escape the City, and to directly coach founders and exec teams.

Alicia has won countless awards for her leadership and Skimlinks' innovation, growth and culture, including the WCIT's Female Entrepreneur of the Year, EveryWoman in Technology Entrepreneur of the Year, and a finalist in Ernst & Young's Entrepreneur of the Year.

She has been a central member of London's Tech Startup scene since its early days, and also been a part of Silicon Valley's tech community, so has seen what it takes to win, lead, innovate, and survive in this dynamic, fast-moving, intense world. She shares these stories, as well as her own tales, experiences and lessons, through her vulnerable, moving, and amusing talks at conferences.