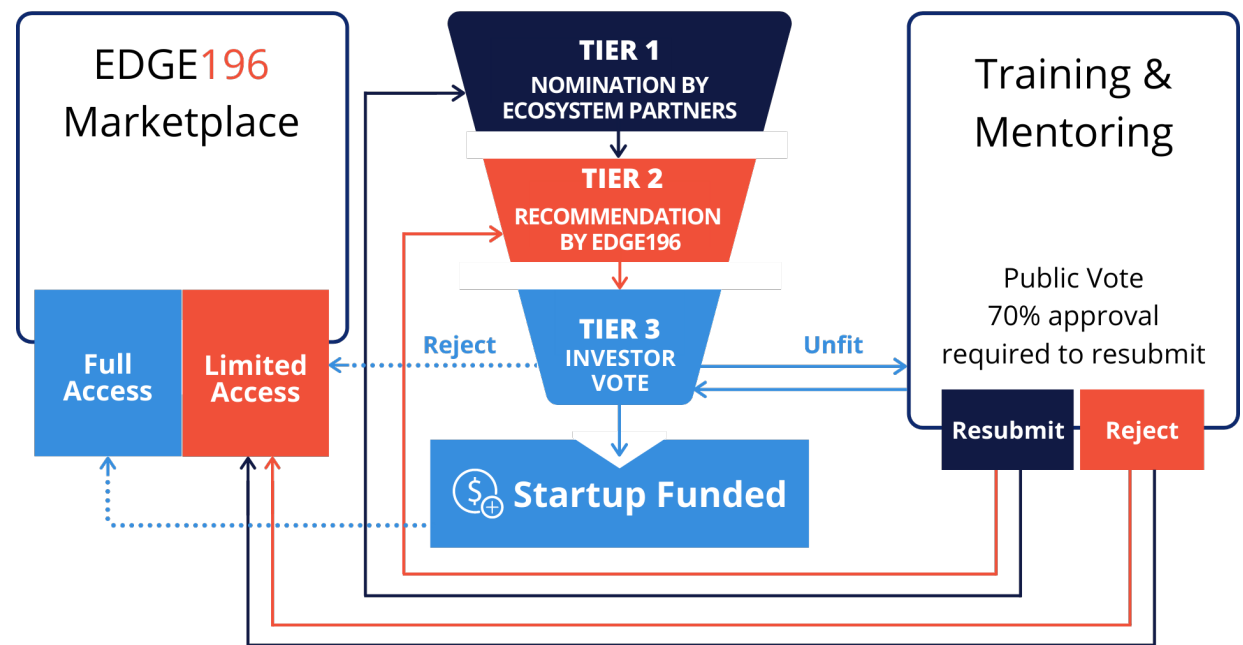# The Vetting Process

The investment process is fully decentralized, controlled by the community of EDGE-Q token holders. Reasonably high-bar standard startups are first identified by community partners and stakeholders, then an internal team of experts issues a recommendation, and finally the EDGE-Q token holders vote on which startups merit funding, and which do not. Voting is proportional to the size of the amount of EDGE-Q each investor holds.

If rejected, some will be offered a program of training and mentoring, and then undergo a vote by EDGE-Q. If they receive 70% or more approval in this vote, they re-enter at the last tier they reached.

If they do not receive 70% approval, they are rejected as a potential portfolio company, but still receive limited access to the marketplace.

Once a startup company has successfully completed all 3 tiers, and received a successful vote of approval by investors, they receive access to funding subject to approval of their business plan and budge, full access to the marketplace, as well as world-class growth mentoring.