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Building a skilled workforce by creating alternative pathways for driven people seeking careers in technology.

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LaunchCode's Miami Tech Training Initiative Receives Grant Funding, Applications for Free Coding Course Now Open

MIAMI – [LaunchCode](#), a national nonprofit focused on providing pathways to tech careers, is now accepting applications for their free coding course. The nonprofit was recently announced as a recipient of a \$100,000 grant from the Alliance Data Corporate Giving Fund. The grant will fund a spring cohort of LaunchCode's LC101 course in South Florida.

LC101 is LaunchCode's introduction to computer programming course – an intensive, 28-week program designed to train students with skills they need to seek an apprenticeship and ultimately a career in technology. LaunchCode classes are open to people from all walks of life, regardless of their education background and work experience or previous exposure to coding. Applications close July 15 and the course starts July 23.

Through previous training initiatives, LaunchCode has already placed over 120 individuals into upwardly mobile tech careers and has helped over 730 community members gain tech skills in the Miami area. Of our South Florida students, 50% did not have a college degree and 25% were previously unemployed before enrolling in our programs.

Individuals interested in applying for LC101 can visit our [website](#).

About LaunchCode

Founded by Jim McKelvey, co-founder of Square, LaunchCode creates pathways to economic opportunity through free education, apprenticeships and job placement by matching driven, qualified learners with employers experiencing a shortage of diverse tech talent. To learn more, visit www.launchcode.org.

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