

# GirlCode opens scholarship applications, calls on unemployed female IT graduates to apply

GirlCode has entered into a partnership with a South African tech company to upskill 400 unemployed female IT graduates as part of the organisation's mission to close the gender gap in the IT/STEM industry.



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On a mission to expose 10 million women and girls to technology by 2030, **the programme is open to female IT graduates between 18 and 35:**

- Unemployed
- South African
- Access to a laptop
- Access to the internet

The programme commences in May for a duration of three months and takes place online. **There are two streams to choose from:**

1. Full Stack Developer: Python
2. AWS Cloud Practitioner

"We have built an EdTech platform that will be offering virtual coding classes to bridge the skills gap for unemployed young women. This means will be able to enrol more women in our coding bootcamp without the restriction of physical connections. The programmes offers online webinars, practical sessions with industry experts and self-guided work modules are accompanied by structured virtual live engagement for students to connect with each other, facilitators and mentors. This ensures course completion and acquisition of necessary knowledge to excel in the industry," says Zandile Mkwanazi, CEO

"It is equally important for us to ensure that our beneficiaries have access to mentors, we have built a mentorship platform where the students can be assigned a mentor to guide their career choices and build soft skills for job applications," concludes Zandile Mkwanazi

GirlCode has a job board platform, EmpowerXx, for our beneficiaries to be able to register for the various job opportunities there benefiting from pro-active end of training placements with partner companies.

Students are encouraged to visit [www.girlcode.co.za](http://www.girlcode.co.za) to apply for the program. Students will go through a screening process and an aptitude test before being enrolled into the programme. Applications close on 29 April 2022.

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