



## **Applications are now open for the second edition of AmCham France's Women Coding for Success: a 4-month training program to encourage young women in STEM**

Since 2000, women have seen no employment growth in STEM jobs (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics). Worldwide, in venture capital-financed, high-growth technology startups, only 9% of entrepreneurs are women. This is a problem which the American Chamber of Commerce (AmCham) in France and its Women's Committee is tackling head on.

In March 2017, AmCham France launched Women Coding for Success. With over 15 corporate partners involved, this free 4-month training program allowed 5 young transatlantic women not only to acquire technical skills but also to build their confidence to apply for a job in the digital sector. At the end of their training, AmCham helped the participants secure an internship in AmCham partner companies.

*« I'd like to congratulate Alice Yao Yao Dang, Clotilde Pety, Marine Sobas, Taous Belhout and Sophia Sou for successfully completing the Women Coding for Success program and I wish them the best of luck with their next adventure! »* Nicole Gesret, Chair of the Women's Committee at AmCham France, and Executive Director Marketing & Communications, Head of Marketing South Zone at AIG.

**The second edition of Women Coding for Success will launch in March 2018. Applications open on 5 October 2017 and will close on 5 December 2017. The online application form is available on [www.amchamfrance.org](http://www.amchamfrance.org)**

### **Criteria for application:**

- Fluent in English and French
- Available to attend at least 8 of the 11 announced training sessions
- Available to complete an internship after the completion of the training
- Minimal to no prior coding training
- Enthusiastic about learning about coding and the technology ecosystem

The training program is run by AmCham France and its members Gayle Gorvett and Raphael Moraglia, with trained professionals from Skillogs and corporate partner experts.

The companies involved in the 2017 edition include: Atalna Fi, AT&T, Bryan Cave, G Gorvett Consulting, Symphony, Barrycenter Europe, EDF, Giromela, AIG, IBM, BNP Paribas, Cisco, Newmanity, Orange, Paypal, Skillogs, Stringcan, The Smartworking Company and 3M.

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### **About AmCham:**

AmCham speaks for over 370 transatlantic businesses committed to and invested in France. We believe in the destination France and remain committed to building transatlantic bridges and to supporting the new economy for cross border economic growth. The U.S. is the primary source of employment among foreign investors with a total of 490 000 direct employees.

At the same time, French companies employ more than 590 000 workers in the U.S. Beyond the statistics, American investments are first and foremost stories of the men and women who settle in France with their families and contribute to the enrichment of our society.