

Australia Post launches nation's first technology academy

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In an Australian first, Australia Post has today launched a dedicated Tech Academy, a two-year development program available to anyone with a keen interest in a career within the evolving tech sector.

Aimed at training emerging talent from a diverse background - including return to work parents and people with non-technical skills - Australia Post has teamed up with educator Coder Academy to provide 20 successful applicants on the job training and industry placements within the organisation's tech and digital spaces. Commencing February 2019, associate trainees will receive a 12 week tech boot camp, a two-week placement across Australia Post's retail and operations sectors, and four five-month tech rotations, with opportunities for ongoing employment within a tech or digital team at the conclusion of the two-year period.

Australia Post Chief Information Officer, John Cox, said the innovative program will nurture new talent, and enable people to build their skills across emerging technologies.

"We're proud the Australia Post Tech Academy is the first of its kind in the country," Mr Cox said.

"We know the tech industry is continuously growing and demand for talent is increasing.

Meeting employment shortages within the sector has become increasingly challenging.

"This program is open to anyone, regardless of technical backgrounds, including return to work parents, veterans, mid-career professionals, and graduates."

Mr Cox said Australia Post is looking to grow its tech and digital capabilities, by developing talent in emerging technologies such as machine learning, the Internet of Things (IoT), and blockchain.

"Companies abroad have received high acclaim for their ability to deliver a workforce in line with future organisational needs and diversity, and we want to bring that to Australia Post.

"We are hoping this program will set the standard across the country, and will attract people who want to learn and have a strong sense of community, to help us improve the way we deliver our products and services for our customers."

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