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TO: LA's Workforce Development System

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**SUBJECT: WDS INFORMATION BULLETIN No 26-07
AI CAREER TRAINING THROUGH THE AI LAB PROGRAM FREE OF
CHARGE**

EFFECTIVE DATE

This information bulletin (bulletin) is effective upon the date of issuance.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this bulletin is to announce the AI Lab Program (AI Lab), a free career training initiative provided by Columbia University and Fair Chance Futures. The program is designed to help participants get hired and promoted by teaching them how to use AI tools and automation to solve real business problems.

BACKGROUND

The AI Lab is a 12-week program beginning June 29, 2026 that features live evening classes held via Zoom and occasional in-person workshops in Los Angeles. Key details include:

- **Target Audience**
The AI Lab is for system-impacted individuals from under-resourced communities, specifically young adults ages 18–30 with at least two years of work experience or college.
- **Curriculum**
Participants will work on real projects sourced from hiring employers, focusing on durable professional skills like problem-solving and communication alongside applied AI skills.
- **Program Structure**
The AI Lab is structured like a workplace where participants report to a manager, work in teams, and receive performance reviews.

- **Benefits**
Graduates receive a certificate from Columbia University, a portfolio of four projects, a career-ready resume, and lifetime career coaching.
- **Cost**
The training and coaching are provided completely free of charge.

DUE DATE

The deadline to apply for the AI Lab Program is **June 30, 2026**.

Applications can be submitted at tinyurl.com/fcf-app or using the barcode below.



CONTACT

If you have any questions regarding the AI Lab Program, please contact Fair Chance Futures at fcf admissions@columbia.edu.

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Attachment: AI Career Training Flyer