

For Underrepresented Groups in Tech

We know we have work to do to turn Chicago into the most inclusive, tier one tech hub in the nation. We are committed to just not growing our City's tech economy, but growing in a way that brings opportunity and advantage to every community and every citizen.

Chicago has leaders and innovators like Julia Kanouse, Ian Michael Brock, Dineo Seakamela and so many more – who are redefining the face of tech and innovation in our city and beyond.

We are committed to sharing their stories and partnering with all the champions of inclusivity so we can accelerate its promise.

Folks you should know

Black Tech Mecca

<https://www.blacktechmecca.org/>

Bwise

<http://www.bwiseusa.org/home.html>

Queer Tech Club

<https://queertechclub.com/>

Women in Manufacturing

<https://www.womeninmanufacturing.org/illinois/>

Women Tech Founders

<https://womentechfounders.com/>

DTech

<https://dtech.duke.edu/about>

Fundr

<https://www.fundr.ai/>

Women's Business Development Center

<https://www.wbdc.org/>

Grace Hopper

<https://www.gracehopper.com/grace-hopper-chicago>

Chicago Women in Tech

<https://chiwomenintech.com/>

Ara

<https://www.aramentors.com/>

ChickTech

<https://chicago.chicktech.org/>

Girl Develop It

<http://gdichicago.com/>

MSTech

<https://ms-tech.co/>

Chicago Blend

<https://www.chicagoblend.org/>

What's awesome about Chicago

- We are a city that prides itself on inclusivity, with a strong roster of organizations who champion inclusivity.

28%

of university supported startups have a female founder, compared with 17% nationally

34%

of startups are women-owned
No. 1 of major US cities

24%

of software developer employees are women

1. Sources: UBI Global Benchmark, 2018; ChicagoNext, Inc Magazine, ISTC University Entrepreneurship Index; US Census Bureau
2. Source: American Community Survey, 2016; Chicago Venture Ecosystem, Pitchbook, September 2018, Stakeholder Interviews.

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