

## **The Roland Gossage Foundation and Lighthouse Labs Announce the Soldiers in Tech Program, Bringing Free Tech Education to Canadian Veterans**

*The 12 month initiative will train and secure employment opportunities for 45 veterans in the Greater Toronto Area*

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**Toronto, ON, August 20**—[The Roland Gossage Foundation](#), an organization dedicated to making military and first responders lives better, in partnership with Canadian tech education leader Lighthouse Labs, today announced the launch of [Soldiers in Tech](#), a program dedicated to reskilling Canadian veterans for a career in the tech industry.

The 12-month program will train veterans for a career in the Greater Toronto Area's prospering tech industry, and provide hands-on mentorship and soft skill development, in addition to technical skills. There will be four 12-week bootcamp cohorts throughout the 2020 year, with the outcome goal to place 45 veterans in tech-facing roles by April 2021. Funded in part by The Government of Ontario's [Skills Catalyst Fund](#), the program also aims to alleviate Ontario's talent shortage and contribute back to Ontario's GDP by tapping into the valuable and unique skills that Canadian veterans bring. Key employers have been engaged based on their commitment to military veterans and their families, and include BMO and CATA Alliance.

"We at the Foundation are extremely excited about this project, and the outcomes, not only for Veterans and their families but for the economic growth of our province." Says Roland Gossage. "It will also show Corporate Canada how amazing this untapped resource of Veterans is and how it can contribute to their prosperity."

The Foundation has chosen to partner with Lighthouse Labs as a leading training provider for Soldiers in Tech. Established in 2013, Lighthouse Labs is a registered private career college with specialized training programs designed to give Canadians the skills they need to find long-lasting careers in a digital workforce. Lighthouse Labs has launched over 4,000 careers in tech-facing roles through a market-leading combination of employment connections, workplace readiness and skills upgrading. Lighthouse Labs will implement the same techniques and plans to ensure this initiative is equally successful.

"We're thrilled to be participating in the Soldiers in Tech program as the leading training provider," said Jeremy Shaki, co-founder and CEO of Lighthouse Labs. "Veterans possess many of the skills required to succeed in a career in tech, including motivation and drive, a passion for lifelong learning, and an aptitude for logic and structure. We're excited to work with The Roland Gossage Foundation to bring this new talent to Ontario's tech industry."

### **Program Outcomes**

At the end of the training participants will:

- Be qualified as a full stack developer

- Be knowledgeable about the tech and start-up industry in the GTA
- Have established a network of industry professionals through mentoring during technical training as well as employment matching activities
- Have increased confidence to be successful in the industry

Cohorts begin on August 17, 2020, September 14, 2020, October 26, 2020 and November 9, 2020. Canadian veterans can apply for Soldiers in Tech through this [application form](#).

For more information, visit: [www.rolandgossagefoundation.com](http://www.rolandgossagefoundation.com).

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### **About The Roland Gossage Foundation**

The Roland Gossage Foundation is bringing awareness to veterans and the struggles they have coming out of the military and beginning a civilian life. The foundation is driven by a single goal; to do our part in making military and first responders lives better. We strive to build productive programs and make a positive impact with all of our pursuits. Programming and community engagement are at the core of our strategy. We invest heavily in supporting the development of integrated solutions and delivering reliable tools to those who need them most.

### **About Lighthouse Labs**

Lighthouse Labs was launched in 2013 with the goal of finding innovative ways to train the next generation of tech talent. In an age of technological disruption across every industry, our mission is to give Canadians the skills they need to find long-lasting careers in a digital workforce. Seven years later, we've delivered hands-on tech education to over 30,000 Canadians, equipping them with the relevant tools to thrive in the future of work. With the support of a brilliant team of instructors and mentors, we continue to empower students, launch careers, and contribute to the incredible growth of Canada's tech industry.

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