



Jim McKelvey is a serial entrepreneur who has been active in over a dozen companies. In 2009, Jim co-founded Square, which modernized the payments industry by enabling anyone to run credit card purchases using a mobile device. He now sits on Square's board of directors.

After Square, Jim started LaunchCode to grow the American tech workforce by placing programmers without traditional credentials into paid apprenticeships with companies in need of talent. The nonprofit, of which he is President of the Board, now operates in multiple cities and has helped over 1,000 people launch a career in technology. LaunchCode's innovative model has drawn attention from national media including the Wall Street Journal and Fast Company, and in 2016 Jim had the honor of hosting former Vice President Joe Biden at LaunchCode for a panel on technology workforce training.

Jim also a General Partner at Cultivation Capital, a venture capital firm that invests in early stage technology and life sciences companies, and an advisor to a diverse portfolio of startups. He serves as a Director at the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis. In addition to his business ventures, Jim is a published author, experienced pilot, and accomplished glassblowing artist. He is a graduate of Washington University in St. Louis.



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