

DFI benefits

- Paid technology stipends
- Training laptop and course supplies provided
- AI and cybersecurity workforce pathways
- Work-based learning for underserved populations
- Career coaching and job placement and retention support
- Industry-recognized credential attainment
- Regional employer engagement
- Trained participants may transition into entrepreneurship, freelance digital services, or technical consulting roles that expand local economic activity.
- Talent pipelines serving the Greater Research Triangle and northeastern North Carolina corridor.



Collaborators:

Durham County, City of Durham, Google, NCCU, Durham Technical Community College, Vance-Granville Community College and a host of community service providers.

”We are committed to connecting underserved, unemployed, underemployed, and justice-involved people with the skills, credentials, and careers that build lasting economic mobility.”



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An AI-Powered Workforce Development Initiative

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**We Connect. We Empower.
We Transform.**





Our services

DFI key partners deliver employer-driven training, credential pathways, career coaching, work-based learning, and strategic partnerships that connect residents to high-demand careers in AI, cybersecurity, smart mobility, and other emerging sectors.



Our team

At the Centre for Homeownership and Economic Development, we take pride in a team committed to innovative solutions, outstanding service, and measurable results for the communities we serve.

The Durham Futures Initiative (DFI) team designs and implements workforce development strategies that prepare individuals for careers in today's fastest-growing industries.



We can help

Whether you are unemployed, underemployed, reentering the workforce, or seeking a new career, the **Durham Futures Initiative (DFI)** is committed to your long-term economic success. We connect individuals with training, coaching, and employer partnerships that lead to high-demand careers in AI, cybersecurity, and other emerging industries. Stipends are available for low to very low-income participants.