



# PROJECT-BASED LEARNING PROGRAM



## The Commonwealth Cyber Initiative (CCI) Project-Based Learning Program

connects organizations with cybersecurity and cyber-adjacent students from colleges and universities across Virginia. Students tackle real-world projects while employers build relationships with emerging talent and strengthen their workforce pipeline.



"CCI's Project-Based Learning Program connects employers with talented, motivated students who deliver high-impact contributions and often become valued members of the workforce."

### Kevin Woods

Director,  
GuidePoint Security University

This project-based learning experience with Microsoft and the Commonwealth Cyber Initiative played a pivotal role in shaping my career path.

"On May 11, 2026, I officially started my career as a cloud solution architect with Microsoft Federal."

### Kiori Edwards

Cloud solution architect,  
Microsoft Federal



## WHY EMPLOYERS PARTICIPATE

- Advance priority projects
- Access emerging cybersecurity talent
- Mentor and evaluate potential hires
- Strengthen Virginia's workforce

## PARTNER WITH CCI

CCI recruits students, screens candidates, and provides stipend funding. Employers provide a meaningful project, mentorship, and project oversight.

### Trusted by Industry:

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Microsoft • Microsoft Federal • PBS

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