

Partnerships

With locations in 8 states and 11 communities across the United States, TQA collaborated with local workforce development boards and strategic partners to accelerate the number of pre-apprentices and apprentices in high-demand, hard-to-fill IT positions while maximizing strong participant outcomes and transforming the way individuals enter the workforce through apprenticeship occupations.

To facilitate idea sharing, as well as promote and build acceptance around the adoption of apprenticeship in IT and IT-related occupations, TQA formed the Tech Quest Apprenticeship Industry Council (TQAIC), an assembly of thought leaders and partners with the desire to engage in peer-to-peer discussions around market data, industry priorities, the promotion of diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility and workforce gaps.

To maintain support from Apprenticeship Sponsors and connect industry needs to solutions, the TQA team provided marketing collateral for partners to distribute within their network and engaged in best practices, success stories, and lessons learned. The TQA Team attended and presented at numerous workforce focused events and conferences, and continues to share the TQA story nationally.

Local Workforce Development Boards (LWDBs)



Strategic Partners



TECH QUEST APPRENTICESHIP


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About TQA

Tech Quest Apprenticeship (TQA) was a U.S. Department of Labor-funded initiative (H1-B Scaling Apprenticeship grant) led by Clark University and assisted by Public Consulting Group (PCG).

By engaging a national consortium of workforce development boards and a variety of training partners and employers, Clark was able to serve over 6,000 unemployed, underemployed, and incumbent workers in pre-apprenticeships and IT-related apprenticeships from July 2019 – July 2024.

Through these apprenticeship programs, participants received both on-the-job training and related instruction, gained skillful employment, increased their wages, improved their skills, and obtained industry-recognized credentials.

Tech Quest was an equal opportunity program fully supported by the U.S. Department of Labor Employment and Training Administration (ETA) as part of an award totaling \$11,999,771.



Key Achievements

(July 2019 - July 2024) include:

- 6819 (Goal: 5000) participants served
- 1348 (Goal 900) apprentices hired
- 225 (Goal: 200) incumbent workers advancing into new positions
- 116 employers (Goal: 50) engaged and secured
- Average wage for apprentices: \$32.53 (Goal \$16.00)

New and expanded apprenticeship programs:

- 11 (Goal: 5) NEW Registered Apprenticeships
- 26 (Goal 10) EXPANDED Registered Apprenticeships
- 85 EXPANDED occupations

In 2022, the U.S Department of Labor recognized Clark University as one of the Scaling Apprenticeship grantees with the "Highest Growth in Apprentices Placed as Percentage of Total Target."

"We are entirely grateful for our partnership with Clark University. Their support has helped to equip individuals with the certifications, skills, confidence and connections to either begin a tech apprenticeship, land employment, or take additional IT training."

*– John Casella, JobWorks
National Director of Education & Training*

Participants

Tech Quest Apprenticeship participants received training and experience to grow into an IT or IT-related career to maximize their employability and earnings potential. Additionally, they were connected to:

- **Supportive Services:** TQA provided assistance with overcoming obstacles to training and employment such as transportation costs, tools and supplies required for training or employment.
- **Training for the Future:** Participants gained industry-recognized certificates and credentials to help them transition into or advance in the IT industry.
- **Earn-While-You Learn Opportunities:** Participants were hired and gained on-the-job experience and training under the guidance of local employers with competitive wages that matched industry standards.

Success Stories

"I can't put into words how grateful I am that I was given this opportunity! ... I'm confident I can now provide for my children a stable, healthy, and financially sound life!"

– Kechan

"It's never too late to change your career or find something you really like to do. Don't hesitate, just go for it."

– Eaman

