



**Novo Nordisk to Support Durham Tech's Life Sciences Programs and New Training Center  
with \$6 Million Gift**  
*Frequently Asked Questions*

**What/Who is Novo Nordisk?**

Novo Nordisk is a leading global healthcare company that has been translating the unmet medical needs of people living with serious chronic diseases into innovative medicines and delivery systems. In North Carolina, Novo Nordisk manufactures treatments that help millions of people living with diabetes and obesity. This year, the company is celebrating its global 100-year anniversary and 30 years in North Carolina. Novo Nordisk, with international headquarters near Copenhagen, Denmark, has three manufacturing facilities in the Triangle: two in Clayton (one focused on Injectable Finished Products – IFP, one focused on Active Pharmaceutical Products – API) and one in Durham (focused on Oral Finished Products – OFP).

**Why is Novo Nordisk making this donation?**

Biotechnology is a growing industry in both the Triangle region and North Carolina, with a wealth of life-changing career opportunities for people with a variety of backgrounds and training. Novo Nordisk is committed to ensuring that both individuals planning their future careers and those seeking a transition understand and have access to the promise of a career in life sciences. This donation is the latest development in Novo Nordisk's efforts to support the growth of a diverse biotechnology talent pipeline that contributes to the local community in Durham.

**What will the Life Science Training Center enable Durham Tech to do?**

- Establish a Biotechnology Associate of Applied Science degree program (for current **college students**).
- Purchase **biotechnology training equipment**.
- Create **onsite training for biotechnology career transition programs** to upskill/reskill existing employees and other related **workforce training** partnerships.
- Provide outreach, awareness and course-taking for area **high school students** through the Career and College Promise Program.
- Develop a diverse talent pipeline that assists residents of various backgrounds to enter the rapidly expanding life sciences industry.

**Who will benefit from the Life Science Training Center?**

The new Life Science Training Center will benefit both traditional and non-traditional students in the biotech field, businesses interested in offering workforce training, reskilling and upskilling through continuing education, Durham Tech's Career and College Promise Program (for current high school students), and middle school STEM students and their parents.

**What are the terms of the donation?**

[Novo Nordisk](#) is donating \$6 million to support [Durham Technical Community College's](#) (Durham Tech) new Life Science Training Center over four years, beginning with \$1.5 million in January 2023. This is the largest corporate donation in Durham Tech's history.

**When will the Life Science Training Center be complete?**

Construction on the building is expected to conclude in 2026, starting with a groundbreaking in spring 2023, where the official name of the new Life Science Training Center will be announced pending a vote by the Durham Tech Board of Trustees.

**Where will the Life Science Training Center be located?**

The center will be on Durham Tech's main campus in Durham, N.C.

**Has Novo Nordisk made other, similar gifts?**

- Since 2002, Novo Nordisk has partnered with Johnston County Community College to support the construction and curriculum development of its Workforce Development Center, where students can receive a BioWork certificate or degree. This support included funding, donations of training equipment, guest lectures from Novo Nordisk employees, scholarships/internships/apprenticeships, and many other benefits.
- In 2019, the Novo Nordisk Foundation donated \$18 million to North Carolina State University for a new five-year international, collaborative research and training program in biomanufacturing science and technology – called “Accelerated Innovation in Manufacturing Biologics.” This project focuses on the next generation of biopharmaceutical manufacturing – a rapidly evolving industry sector, critical to grant global access to powerful new biotherapeutics for treating a wide range of chronic and potentially lethal diseases. Biotherapeutics are large-molecule drugs produced by engineered organisms – including antibodies, enzymes, insulin and blood-clotting factors – as well as ingredients for gene therapy and regenerative medicine.
- In partnership with the Johnston County Public Schools and local chambers of commerce, Novo Nordisk has been the presenting sponsor of JOCO Works, which helps students and mid-career individuals explore new and future career opportunities, including a BioWork certificate.
- Each year, Novo Nordisk provides funding to hundreds of independent educational grants that provide continuing education to practicing healthcare professionals and those in training, as well as members of the community, patients and their caregivers.

**How many people are employed by Novo Nordisk in North Carolina?**

North Carolina is home to Novo Nordisk's largest manufacturing footprint in the United States, employing nearly 1,800 professionals across three facilities, and is currently hiring for several roles.

**What is Durham Technical Community College?**

Durham Tech offers more than 100 associate degrees and certificates and more than 200 job-ready programs that help students build their career opportunities. Durham Tech is a key

member of the BULLS Initiative, a public-private consortium aimed at filling the growing needs for the local biotech industry and positioning Durham as a leader in life sciences. Durham Tech provides pathways for student success and social mobility, local job growth and a thriving region. Its mission is to ensure that all students develop the knowledge, skills and networks needed to be successful in college, work and life and to be the leader in our community's educational, training and economic development.

**How many students are enrolled at Durham Technical Community College?**

Durham Tech serves more than 18,000 students across seven campuses in Durham and Orange Counties.