1. **City of Durham Office of Economic and Workforce Development**
   Project #1: This workforce development side oversees programs and services that help businesses start, grow, stay in, and get recruited to Durham. These services include offering advice to businesses and assisting with financing through our economic development grant and incentive programs. We also administer federal, local, and private grant dollars to help people move forward on a career path, find jobs, and keep them employed. Four DukeEngage-Durham students are needed to assist staff with implantation of the summer youth program to include planning a pre-employment week of training for participants of the program. They will also assist with collecting paperwork from program participants, conducting background screens, and preparing databases for the program. DukeEngage students will also have an opportunity to assist with the economic development aspects of our office when available.

   Project #2: The Economic Development side manages the City’s Cultural Master Plan and Public Art Program. The City’s Cultural Advisory Board would like the DukeEngage fellows to explore how various cities around the world employ a variety of celebrations and events that highlight the history and culture of their respective locales. As an example, Durham’s sister city—Durham, England—hosts a biennial art event called Lumiere (http://www.lumiere-festival.com/durham-2017/) that illuminates the city and its buildings in exciting new ways. In 2019 Durham will celebrate its Sesquicentennial (150th Anniversary), and the City could benefit from having an analysis of those several types of celebrations. Before embarking on any such project, the Cultural Advisory Board would like the fellows to explore the implications of hosting an event here in Durham, and to create a cost-benefit analysis the City could use before deciding if an event is worth pursuing.

2. **Community Empowerment Fund (CEF)**
   The Community Empowerment Fund partners offers 1-on-1 relationship-based supports to residents of Durham experiencing homelessness or financial vulnerability, through a matched savings program and financial coaching. Two DukeEngage-Durham students will build transformative one-on-one relationships with CEF Members striving towards housing and financial stability, as they support them towards reaching personal savings goals, gain employment, secure housing, navigate social service systems, and achieve long-term transitions out of poverty. DukeEngage students will take on impactful leadership responsibilities to significantly shape a dynamic, growing, student-driven non-profit organization, through your direct work with Members as well as individual capacity-building projects.

3. **Diaper Bank of NC**
   The Diaper Bank of North Carolina distributes hygiene products to Triangle-area families in need with the help of 50 local community-based organizations. Two DukeEngage students will visit some of our Durham, NC partner organizations to survey and interview recipient families about their experiences providing hygiene products for their families. Additionally, the DukeEngage students will help the diaper bank to map the cost of hygiene products across the Durham neighborhoods where recipients live. The DukeEngage students will work closely with our Director of Research and Evaluation during their internship and will be involved in data collection, data entry, data analysis, and dissemination of the results.

4. **Durham Nativity School**
   Durham Nativity School is a tuition-free, enriched learning environment that offers a 12 year support system for middle school boys who have the ability and commitment to achieve, but not the resources for a quality, independent school education. Two DukeEngage participants will help to
create, shape and implement a summer literacy program to target and address learning skills that need to be strengthened. The Summer Literacy Camp will initially identify and accommodate 15 students. Within two years, the plan is to expand the program to 50 students. The program will include direct, group, and 1-on-1 instruction; class, independent and computer based reading; field experiences to support learning; and recreational activities. The DukeEngage students will be hands on, working directly with students to target and address identified learning skills that need to be strengthened. They will gather and analyze data to track student growth and program efficacy, create and administer program surveys and evaluations to improve program structure, content and delivery, and aid in the planning for program expansion to meet our goals for the summers of 2019 and 2020. They will also be charged with researching enrichment partnerships within the Durham community under the direction of a staff member.

5. **Families Moving Forward**
Families Moving Forward provides temporary housing to over 80 families per year and professional and volunteer support to another 60 families through its aftercare supportive services program. Children outnumber adults in these families 2-1. In today’s technological environment, low income individuals who lack the technology skills of their higher income peers tend to fall further and further behind. It’s a catch-22. Two DukeEngage-Durham students will work one-on-one to build the computer literacy skills of both parents and children, providing important tools to growing self-esteem, gaining independence, and moving out of poverty.

6. **Scrap Exchange**
This 24 year old non profit national model creative reuse center. The organization’s mission is to promote creativity, environmental awareness and community through reuse. The Scrap Exchange would be thrilled to work with 2-3 DukeEngage-Durham students in 2018. The internship will focus on the development and engagement with our design studio and other studios in our new Makers Space on the Scrap Exchange campus. This area has the potential to be a vital community asset through promoting creativity, community meet ups, special events and project classes. The Design Center lives in the building where our retail store currently is but most of the materials will be moving to and reside in our new Thrift Store. With the space that is created, we hope to evolve the Design Center and the rest of the building into a thriving Maker Space: with various studios, community spaces and artisan rental space. The DukeEngagers will participate in research, development, planning and implementation of programs organized within the design center and the evolution of the Makers Space. They will help prioritize projects, develop membership and facilitate open studio hours. As well as work with volunteers, committees, educational program and creative reuse center staff in supporting the mission and general operations of Scrap Exchange.

7. **Threshold**
Threshold works to improve the quality of life for adults with severe and persistent mental illness in Durham. We are committed to facilitating personal well-being and community involvement through meaningful work and relationships within the structure of the Clubhouse. Threshold is located in East Durham where poverty, illiteracy in all aspects of education is higher than any other location within the County of Durham. The majority of or membership is also without significant computer literacy though eager to learn with a significant desire to have an impact on the development of the newsletter and helping to bring new members into the Clubhouse. Two DukeEngage participants will be working collegially with members and staff of the Clubhouse to facilitate engagement of Threshold members into the structured day program. In addition, students will provide training to the members in the area of technology skills which will provide assistance in preparing articles for
the newsletter, data entry for Medicaid billing, teaching basic computing/tablet, internet skills, and video. Students will produce basic instructions in a written format at the completion of the project in order for members to continue working on tech skills.