



# Duke University School of Medicine

Duke University School of Medicine is one of the nation's leading institutions for medical education, clinical care, and biomedical research. The school comprises more than 2,500 regular rank faculty physicians and researchers, nearly 2,000 health professions and biomedical PhD students, and more than 6,000 staff. The School of Medicine, along with Duke University School of Nursing, Duke University Health System, and the Private Diagnostic Clinic (PDC), collectively compose Duke Health.

Planning for the School of Medicine began nearly a century ago in 1925 when businessman James Buchanan Duke, benefactor of Duke University and The Duke Endowment, bequeathed \$4 million to establish the Duke University School of Medicine, as well as the Duke University School of Nursing and Duke University Hospital. Less than five years after the school opened in 1930, the Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC) ranked Duke in the top quarter of medical schools in the country. In the nearly 100 years since, the School of Medicine has built an international reputation as a world-class academic medical institution.

## Core Values

- Excellence in education, research, and patient care
- Respect for and inclusion of people from all backgrounds
- Commitment to service, solving real world problems
- Sense of urgency in transforming discoveries into improved human health
- Professionalism and integrity demonstrated in all aspects of performance and effort

## Why Duke

- The School of Medicine is ranked **No. 3 for research** among 122 medical schools in the nation in the 2021 U.S. News & World Report ranking of graduate programs. Seven of the school's specialty programs ranked among the nation's top 10, including three in the top five.
- The School of Medicine's unique **Patient First MD curriculum** gives students the opportunity to develop patient skills from the day they arrive, learn the core basic sciences in one year instead of two, care for patients a full year earlier than their peers, and devote their entire third year to scholarly research.



- The nation's first **Physician Assistant program** was created at Duke in 1965, and is perennially ranked No. 1 in the nation.
- The National Institutes of Health (NIH) selected Duke as one of the first institutions in the nation to offer a **Medical Scientist (MD/PhD) training program**.



- Duke is home to the Duke Clinical Research Institute, the **world's largest academic clinical research organization**.
- Duke was **one of the first Clinical and Translational Science Award sites** designated by the NIH.
- **Duke-NUS Medical School**, a partnership between the School of Medicine and the National University of Singapore, offers unique international learning experiences for students from both Singapore and the U.S.
- The School of Medicine fosters **cross-disciplinary collaboration with Duke's other professional schools**, including the Pratt School of Engineering, Fuqua School of Business, Divinity School, Trinity College of Arts & Sciences, Sanford School of Public Policy, Nicholas School of the Environment, and Law School.
- Two basic science departments and eight clinical science departments in the School of Medicine ranked **among the top 10 in the country for NIH funding in 2021**.



## Leadership



Duke University School of Medicine is led by Mary E. Klotman, MD, Dean and Vice Chancellor for Health Affairs. Dean Klotman works with a leadership team comprising 13 vice deans, a strategic planning officer, a chief diversity officer and a chief communications officer, as well as department chairs and center and institute directors. Associate and assistant deans also assist the dean with the oversight and management of the School of Medicine.

## School Priorities

### **A Commitment to Diversity, Equity and Inclusion:**

In June 2021, the School of Medicine launched its Moments to Movements strategic plan. The culmination of the work of hundreds of faculty, staff, postdoctoral fellows, trainees, and students across the School, this plan aims to advance our vision of a just, inclusive, equitable, and anti-racist School of Medicine.

**COVID-19 Response:** During the COVID-19 pandemic, Duke University School of Medicine faculty, staff, students, and trainees in departments, centers, and institutes including the Duke Human Vaccine Institute, Duke Global Health Institute, and the Duke-NUS Medical School have emerged as national and global leaders in the care of patients with COVID-19 and in research related to development, community engagement, policy development, and health disparities.



**Community Engagement:** In alignment with Duke University Health System and Duke University, the Duke University School of Medicine is committed to serving others in our local community and beyond. Our faculty, staff, students, and trainees make science-based decisions

and seek to transform discoveries to improve human health through a variety of innovative community initiatives.

**Advancing Health Together:** As the Southeast's preeminent health care provider, Duke University Health System and the Private Diagnostic Clinic (PDC) cared for patients in more than 67,000 inpatient stays and nearly 4.5 million outpatient visits in FY21.



**Duke Science and Technology:** Launched with a \$100 million investment from The Duke Endowment, Duke Science and Technology positions Duke to maximize the potential of revolutionary advances in fields such as genomics, data science, and artificial intelligence.

**Philanthropy:** Donors play a vital role in the success of the School of Medicine by funding scholarships and financial aid that help students afford the cost of attendance; endowed professorships that help Duke recruit and retain outstanding faculty; transformative research and discovery; and new buildings, facilities, and infrastructure.



**A Tripartite Mission:  
Education, Research,  
and Patient Care**