



# Duke University School of Medicine

Duke University School of Medicine is one of the nation's leading institutions for medical, health professions, and biomedical graduate education; clinical care; and biomedical research. The school comprises more than 2,600 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, patient care, and community partnership
- Respect for and inclusion of people from all backgrounds
- Commitment to service and 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

## Snapshot of Milestones

- The School of Medicine is ranked **No. 6 for research** among 124 medical schools in the nation in the 2023 U.S. News & World Report ranking of graduate programs. **Seven of the school's specialty programs ranked among the nation's top 10.**



- The School of Medicine's unique **Patient First MD curriculum** gives students the opportunity to develop patient care skills from the day they arrive, learn the core basic sciences through a clinical lens 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.

- **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 is **ranked No. 3 in the nation for National Institutes of Health (NIH) funding**, and 10 departments are ranked **among the top 10 in the country for NIH funding in 2021.**

- Duke was **one of the first Clinical and Translational Science Award sites** designated by the NIH.

- The School of Medicine is **one of only two schools in the nation** ranked in the top 10 for research and in the top 20 for most diverse graduates among medical schools.

- 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.



- The NIH selected the School of Medicine 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.**
- **The nation's first Physician Assistant program** was created at Duke in 1965, and is ranked No. 1 in the nation.

For a more comprehensive list of milestones and accolades, visit [medschool.duke.edu/facts](https://medschool.duke.edu/facts).

## Leadership



Duke University School of Medicine is led by Dean **Mary E. Klotman, MD**. Dean Klotman also serves as Vice Chancellor for Health Affairs for Duke University and Chief Academic Officer for Duke University Health System. She works with a leadership team comprising 13 vice deans, a chief of staff, and a 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 Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion: The



School of Medicine is committed to enhancing racial diversity and equity, inclusion, and respect for our faculty, staff, and students. The school has made significant efforts in recent years to attract and retain a diverse cadre of talented faculty. From 2018 to 2022, the number

of regular rank faculty who identify as Black or African American has grown by 32.3%. Women's representation on the faculty has shown persistent growth over the years, increasing by 15.7% from 2018 to 2022.

### Community Partnerships: In alignment with Duke University



Health System and Duke University, the 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:** Patient care is an integral part of what makes Duke University School of Medicine a hub for pioneering research and innovation. Founded in 1998 to provide efficient, responsive care, Duke University Health System offers a full network of health services and



encompasses three highly regarded hospitals—Duke University Hospital, Durham Regional Hospital and Duke Raleigh Hospital—physician practices, home hospice care and various support services at locations across North Carolina.

**COVID-19 Response:** 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—continue to be national and global leaders in the care of patients with COVID-19 and in research related to vaccine development, community engagement, policy development, and health disparities.

**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.



**Mission Driven: Education, Research, Patient Care, and Community Partnerships**



@dukemedschool



/school/duke-med-school



/DukeMedSchool/