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.
- 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.
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