

Facts & Figures 2024

Duke University School of Medicine

Duke University School of Medicine is one of the nation's leading institutions for health professions and biomedical education, clinical care, biomedical research, and community partnership. The school comprises more than 2,700 regular rank faculty physicians and researchers, over 2,200 students in a variety of health professions and graduate degree programs, and more than 6,200 staff. The School of Medicine and its numerous departments, centers, and institutes — including Duke Global Health Institute and Duke-Margolis Institute for Health Policy — along with Duke University Health System, Duke University School of Nursing, and Duke-NUS Medical School, 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 health care and research 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**
- **Professionalism and integrity demonstrated in all aspects of performance and effort**

Milestones

- Duke is ranked fifth in the nation in National Institutes of Health (NIH) funding for all grants and contracts, including R&D, and seventh in the nation in NIH sponsored research grant funding, according to the 2023 Blue Ridge Institute for Medical Research report.
- 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 was designated as one of the nation's first Comprehensive Cancer Centers by the National Cancer Institute to reflect its commitment to cancer care, research, prevention, education, outreach, and training.
- The School of Medicine's unique Patient First MD curriculum gives students the opportunity to 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.
- 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.
- The nation's first Physician Assistant program was created at Duke in 1965 and is perennially considered the nation's premier PA program.
- Duke-NUS Medical School, a partnership between the School of Medicine and the National University of Singapore, offers unique international learning experiences.

For a more comprehensive list of milestones and accolades, visit medschool.duke.edu/facts.

Leadership



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

Expanding Research Frontiers: By aligning our strengths in basic, translational, and clinical science with our integration with Duke's clinical enterprise, the School of Medicine plays a leading role in scientific discovery. Duke Science and Technology, launched with a \$100 million investment from The Duke Endowment, positions Duke to maximize the potential of revolutionary advances in fields such as genomics, data science, and artificial intelligence.

Compassionate Patient Care: Patient care is an integral part of what makes the School of Medicine a hub for pioneering research and innovation. Duke University Health System delivers care across three hospitals — Duke University Hospital, Duke Regional Hospital, and Duke Raleigh Hospital — and outpatient services including Duke Primary Care and Duke Health Integrated Practices, Duke HomeCare & Hospice, Duke Health and Wellness, and multiple affiliations.

Leading Through Education and Training: The School of Medicine prepares the next generation of health care professionals and biomedical scientists through a wide range of degree, certificate, and training programs. All of the school's educational programs are designed to provide an enriching learning environment that prepares students and trainees for the next step in their career paths.

Partnering with Communities: The School of Medicine is committed to serving others in our local community and beyond. Through partnerships with local organizations

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 Partnership

and global initiatives, we strive to reduce health disparities and improve health equity and access to care for all populations.

Committed to Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion: The School of Medicine's commitment to equity, diversity, and inclusion is essential to achieving institutional excellence and fostering a vibrant, supportive community where everyone feels welcomed, valued, empowered, and included. The rich variety of backgrounds, interests, experiences, and perspectives that make up the School of Medicine creates an environment in which innovation and excellence thrive.

AI and Data Science: The future of health care will be shaped by our ability to safely harness the potential of technologies such as artificial intelligence and data science. The School of Medicine is a national leader in developing, evaluating, and implementing new technologies to lead transformation in health care delivery, champion health equity, and pioneer advanced research.

Revolutionizing Precision Health: Advances in fields such as gene editing, genomics, and data science enable increasingly precise and targeted therapies. The Duke Center for Precision Health, led by the Duke Clinical and Translational Science Institute, bridges discovery science with personalized patient care and promises a transformative approach to individual and community health.



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