The Duke Multidisciplinary K12 Urologic Career Development Program (KURe) is a K12 institutional career development grant currently funded by the NIH/NIDDK. We seek qualified clinical, translational, and basic science researchers (MDs, DOs, PhDs, and MD/PhDs) from diverse disciplines who are interested in building an independent research career using collaborative, multidisciplinary approaches to benign urological research questions. KURe scholars will receive mentored career development training and support to develop the skills necessary to become outstanding independent investigators able to lead multidisciplinary research teams. Research areas supported by this initiative must be related to the mission of the NIDDK.

We encourage you to contact the Program Director or Program Coordinator with any questions about the program or the application process:

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Individuals from groups underrepresented in the biomedical sciences are especially encouraged to apply. Duke University offers equal opportunity to all applicants without regard to ethnicity, race, color, creed, sex, age, handicaps or national origin. Related questions on the application form are only for the purpose of meeting Federal reporting requirements.

KURe Scholars Award
KURe Scholars will receive salary support up to $100,000 per year for 75% of full professional effort (50% - 75% if a surgical specialty). Research and Career Development Support up to $40,000 per year will be provided for research supplies and equipment, technical personnel, tuition and fees related to didactic courses or career development, and travel to research meetings. Scholars are expected to publish and obtain independent grant funding by year 3. Maximum support is for 5 years. We currently have one open position and expect to appoint the new KURe Scholar in January 2019.

Each scholar will work closely with at least two mentors with extensive research experience, one of whom is outside of their primary field. Additionally, all KURe scholars are expected to participate in research and professional development activities, including KURe specific activities organized by the Program Director.

Eligibility
The KURe is open to all types of disciplines, clinicians and non-clinicians with doctoral degrees, interested in pursuing a research career addressing benign urological research questions. MDs, DOs, PhDs and MD/PhDs (junior faculty and postdocs) from any department and interested in research applicable to benign urology may apply to the KURe program. No more than 10 years should have elapsed since receiving the terminal doctoral degree. Scholars cannot have more than seven years of postdoctoral research experience. Time spent in clinical fellowships is not considered postdoctoral research training. Mid-career and senior faculty are not eligible. Scholars must be US citizens or have a valid green card.
Letter of Intent (required) Due: Oct 15, 2018

All individuals wishing to apply for the KURe Program must submit a letter of intent. The Letter of Intent is not binding, and does not enter into the review of a subsequent application. The information that it contains allows for confirmation of eligibility and for discussion of career goals, mentors, and projects with the applicant. Submit your letter early to have more time for discussions and questions. The Letter of Intent should be e-mailed to Cindy L. Amundsen at cindy.amundsen@duke.edu with cc to friederike.jayes@duke.edu.

The letter of intent must include the following information:

1. Applicant’s full name
2. Degree(s) and date(s) awarded. If MD with residency (and fellowship), then also include when you finished residency and fellowship
3. Department, Division, School
4. Academic rank and position
5. NIH Biosketch (new format)
6. Project title and two-sentence description of the research project
7. Brief description of the planned project (no more than one page)
8. Brief description of professional development goals (no more than one page)
9. Proposed mentor(s): Name(s), Discipline/Research Interest, Department, Division, School

Applications Due: Nov 01, 2018

All components of the application must be submitted by e-mail as separate Word or PDF documents. All application materials should be e-mailed to Cindy L. Amundsen at cindy.amundsen@duke.edu with cc to friederike.jayes@duke.edu.

The application must include the following:

1. Completed application form (see website KURe.medschool.duke.edu)
2. NIH Biosketch (new format)
3. Current curriculum vitae (signed and dated)
4. Project title and a two-sentence description of the research project
5. A personal statement (2 pages max) that includes:
   a. Description of long-term career goals,
   b. Professional development plan: Description of career development goals (include course work, training, etc.) for the next 2-3 years. Describe how your mentor(s) will support you in your career development endeavors.
   c. Description of how the KURe program will help meet your career and professional development goals
   d. Plan for securing 75% protected research time and explanation of commitments for your 25% non-KURe time.
6. A brief research proposal (2-3 pages not including references) for a specific project to be accomplished during the next 2-3 years as a KURe scholar. Describe how your mentors will support you in your research endeavors.
7. List of mentor(s). List their names, degree(s), academic ranks, affiliation (Department, Division, School), and their disciplines/fields of research. Attach a letter of agreement/support from each proposed mentor. The letter should include how the mentor will support your career and professional development. Also mention a plan for regular interactions.
8. At least two letters of support/evaluation (in addition to letters from proposed mentors) written by persons knowledgeable about your prior accomplishments and suitability for this program.
   One letter should come from your Department Chair or Division Chief indicating their agreement to designate 75% (9 person months; or 50% effort, 6 person months, for surgical specialties) of your full professional effort towards KURe-related research and career development, and specifying steps that will be taken to assure this protected time.

Potential applicants are encouraged to speak with program leadership to determine eligibility and mentor selection.