

**KURe
Call for Applications**

Multidisciplinary K12 Urologic Research Career Development Program
KURe.medschool.duke.edu

Letter of Intent due: August 12, 2019 (Required)

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The Duke Multidisciplinary K12 Urologic Career Development Program (KURe) is a K12 institutional career development grant 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:

Cindy L. Amundsen, MD

PI and Program Director

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Program Coordinator

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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 expect to appoint the new KURe Scholar by November 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, fellows and postdocs) from any department and interested in research applicable to benign urology may apply to the KURe program. Scholars cannot have more than seven years of postdoctoral research experience and less than 10 years since receiving the terminal doctoral degree. 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. Individuals who have served as PDs/PIs of an R01, project leaders on sub-projects of multi-component awards (P01, P50) or the equivalent are not eligible for appointment. Individuals who have been previously supported by NIH or non-NIH career development awards are not eligible. Individuals who are or were PDs/PIs on NIH Small Grants (i.e., R03s) or Exploratory/Developmental Grants (i.e., R21s) are eligible.

Letter of Intent (required) **Due: no later than August 12, 2019** – please contact us early with any questions
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/fellowship, then also include when you finished residency/fellowship
3. Department, Division, School and academic rank and position
4. Citizenship or Visa status if non-US citizen
5. NIH Biosketch
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.

For a list of pre-approved mentors see website KURe.medschool.duke.edu

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All components of the application must be submitted by e-mail as **separate Word or PDF documents**.

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The application must include the following:

1. Completed application form (see website KURe.medschool.duke.edu)
2. NIH Biosketch (new format with eRA Commons name and link to bibliography)
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.
 - c. Describe how your mentor(s) will support you in your career development endeavors.
 - d. Description of how the KURe program will help meet your career and professional development goals
 - e. Plan for securing 75% protected research time and 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. Describe how your mentors will support you in your research. Budget is not required, but include other funding sources if estimated costs will likely exceed \$30000/year.
7. Plan for future funding (1 page): Briefly describe what question your future major grant application will investigate. Describe how the completion of your proposed KURe project and your proposed career development goals will support that future major grant application.
8. List of mentor(s): List name(s), degree(s), academic ranks, affiliations (Department, Division, School), and 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.
9. 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.

Applicants are encouraged to contact program leadership to discuss eligibility and mentor selection.