Dear Colleagues,

Duke University School of Medicine is committed to fostering a community of successful physician-scientist scholars and mentors. Since 2018, the Duke Office of Physician-Scientist Development (OPSD) has served as a central resource to leverage and extend access to research and career support programs across the institution.

Today, all 16 clinical departments within the Duke School of Medicine have joined us in our mission. We are excited to be national leaders in physician-scientist development.

Consider all that Duke has to offer—and join our physician-scientist community!

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Our mission: Empowering physician-scientists to launch successful research careers

Education & Professional Development Programs
We recruit and prepare talented individuals, from medical students through junior faculty, to develop successful careers as physician-scientists.
- Basic Science Research Track for Master of Health Sciences Degree
- Research Careers Ahead! Professional Development Series
- Basic Science Student Interest Group
- Student and Post-Baccalaureate Research Programs

Integrated Research & Clinical Training
We develop and implement robust physician-scientist training programs across the institution.
- Research in Residency training pathways, including 4 NIH R38 programs accessible to 50% of Duke clinical departments
- Integrated research training programs during medical school, residency, and fellowship
- Merit-based technician support awards to enable continuity of research during clinical training

Scholarships and Research Funding
We offer a range of funding opportunities to support medical students, trainees, and junior faculty conducting research.
- Burroughs Wellcome Fund Medical Student Scholarships for Research Years
- Poindexter Medical Student Scholarships for Research Years
- Burroughs Wellcome Fund Scholarships for the Master of Health Sciences Degree, Basic Science Research Track
- OPSD Technician Support Awards
- Physician-Scientist Junior Faculty Strong Start Awards

Concierge Mentorship
We match early-career investigators to seasoned mentors for tailored career guidance.
- Research and career resources
- Funding opportunities
- Scholarship oversight committees
- Grant scientific concept reviews
- Awards and honors

Community
We build community among physician-scientists and trainees at all levels.
- Networking and social events
- Annual physician-scientist symposium

“Why do we create physician-scientists that go on to be both great clinicians and researchers? Fostering this "rare" breed begins in medical school. The Duke Office of Physician-Scientist Development is doing everything right to support students.”
Brooke Evans
Medical Student

“The OPSD program provides a platform for structuring feasible goals, accessing vast research resources and fostering multidisciplinary engagement early in a physician-scientist’s career.”
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