

Subject: Duke Pediatric Research Scholars Call for Applications

The [Duke Pediatric Research Scholars Program](#) (DPRS)/Physician-Scientist Training Program is now accepting applications for the 2021-2022 academic year. Incoming pediatric interns, incoming fellows, and current first-year pediatric residents and fellows interested in research are encouraged to apply. The mission of DPRS is to identify and train the next generation of pediatric physician-scientists as leaders in the development and implementation of innovative strategies to improve the health of children. DPRS welcomes applications from individuals with a diverse range of research backgrounds, from those with little or no formal research experience interested in getting involved, to those with significant research accomplishments wishing to further expand their skillset. The ideal candidate will be committed and passionate to learn about research as part of their careers.

Upon selection to the program, DPRS will provide you with structured support to navigate research during clinical training. You will be provided a diverse mentoring team to guide you to simultaneously realize your **clinical, research and career goals**. We will provide you with the resources needed to hone your research skills and establish a record of scholarly activities to position you for a successful physician-scientist career at the end of your training. During the program, each DPRS Scholar will:

- Identify research interests and appropriate mentor(s), with input from DPRS leadership;
- Establish a team of additional mentors forming a Scholarship Oversight Committee (SOC) that meets twice per year;
- Develop a case report/case series or review articles for publication;
- Establish a research plan with clearly articulated questions and goals;
- Learn to navigate regulatory processes (i.e., IRB* and IACUC**);
- Apply for internal and/or external funding;
- Present research at both local and national meetings; and
- Submit original research manuscripts to scholarly journals.

Program activities include:

- A monthly seminar series focused on research and career development;
- Grant and manuscript writing assistance; and
- Participation in the annual Duke Physician-Scientist Symposium conducted by OPSD and the Departmental Research Retreat

Program support includes:

- Provision of a laptop or software licensing fees if needed;
- Auxiliary funds for conference travel; and
- Auxiliary funds for publication costs.

If you are interested in applying to DPRS or have questions about the program, please contact Barath Ramasubramanian (pedsresscholars@dm.duke.edu).

To apply to DPRS, please email your [NIH-style biosketch](#) and a one-page personal statement describing why you are interested in DPRS and how the program will benefit your future career plans to Barath Ramasubramanian (pedsresscholars@dm.duke.edu) by **May 17, 2021**. Candidates will be notified of the outcome of their application the first week of June, and the program will start on July 1, 2021. Please note, DPRS does accept rolling applications and will review applications submitted beyond this due date on a case by case basis.

**Institutional Review Board, **Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee*