The Margolis Scholars Program is a prestigious, interdisciplinary educational and experiential opportunity for competitively selected Duke University graduate and undergraduate students who demonstrate strong interest in and commitment to a career in health policy and management, as well as leadership potential to improve health, health equity, and the value of health care.

The program provides promising medical students with the necessary knowledge, skills, and abilities to join the next generation of health care leaders at the intersection of clinical medicine and health policy. Selected Margolis Scholars in Medicine are engaged in the program for one year and receive tailored education and training in health policy, scholarship funding, mentorship, and a personal fund to support health policy and professional development-related activities. This accelerated one-year scholarship affords Duke medical students the opportunity to satisfy their third-year research experience requirement.

"The most important imprint we can make on a future, more affordable, more equitable health care system is to prepare new health policy leaders who are committed to value in health care that truly improves patient’s lives."  

– Robert J. Margolis, MD’71, HS’70-’72  
Founder, Duke-Margolis Center for Health Policy

The mission of Duke University’s Robert J. Margolis, MD, Center for Health Policy is to improve health, health equity, and the value of health care through practical, innovative, and evidence-based policy solutions. Duke-Margolis catalyzes Duke University’s leading capabilities, including interdisciplinary academic research and capacity for education and engagement, to inform policy making and implementation for better health and health care.

Health Policy: At the Intersection of Diverse Backgrounds & Interests

About the Margolis Scholars Program

The Margolis Scholars program offers students the flexibility to explore the health policy topics in which they have interest while providing four key components:

**Knowledge Building:** learn through health policy coursework, attend bi-weekly Margolis Seminars, and engage in a multi-day intensive health policy workshop

**Skills Enhancement & Training:** participate in research, simulation and skills labs, and teaching assistantships, as well as plan policy events and participate in peer mentorship programming

**Professional Development:** receive 1:1 academic and professional advising/mentorship, attend professional conferences, receive internship/fellowship guidance and placement, and plan community service projects

**Networking & Community Building:** participate in unique opportunities to meet experts in the field, receive the Center’s monthly policy newsletter, plan annual events, and attend Margolis Retreat and other social/alumni events
Scholars Fund

Selected Margolis Scholars in Medicine are eligible for a $12,500 tuition scholarship and up to $6,000/yr to apply to approved professional experiences, including:

- **Professional Development Stipend ($2500)**
  educational activities, research activities, professional development activities

- **Supplemental Experience Stipend (up to $3500)**
  for unpaid or underpaid summer internships, research assistantships, and teaching assistantships

Medical Student Eligibility Requirements and Application Timeline:

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| Medical students should apply at the end of their second year. The Margolis Scholars Program is available to third-year Duke University medical students only. | Application: Jan 1 - March 15
|                                                                            | Interviews: March 27-31                |
|                                                                            | Decision Notifications: April 14       |

Selected scholars will start in the Fall 2023 semester.

Interested rising 3rd-year Duke University medical school applicants will need to fill out the online application, including submission of a current resume/CV, personal statement, research proposal (project must be health policy relevant), mentor information, and respond to short-answer questions.

“Duke-Margolis is a big community and it is great to be fully integrated into it. From access to cutting-edge research to engagement with the faculty, to the guidance of my mentor, the Center really creates a wonderful energy around health policy.” – Minahil Shahid, 2019 Margolis Scholar Graduate

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