

Duke-Margolis Summer Experience

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for Health Policy



Health care is at once a critical part of people's lives and a highly consequential part of the U.S. economy. Health policy works at the intersection of how health care is delivered to consumers and communities, and its effect on the economy, society, governments, and the private sector. Health policy researchers seek evidence-based solutions to the leading issues and problems confronting our health system.

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 graduate and undergraduate education and engagement, to inform policy making and implementation for better health and health care.

“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 Duke-Margolis multidisciplinary approach to generate and analyze evidence that will improve the experience of health care, advance the health of populations, and reduce costs requires capabilities that few institutions can bring together. Through its education mission, the Center is committed to increasing opportunities for learners at every level to gain exposure to the field of health policy and prepare the next generation of health care leaders.

Join Us Next Summer!

The Duke-Margolis [Summer Experience](#) gives approximately 35 undergraduate and graduate students—enrolled at Duke and at colleges and universities around the country—a 10-week, in-depth exposure to health policy through mentored research opportunities aimed at improving health, health equity, and the value of health care. Duke-Margolis offers its competitive Summer Experience from May through July in both its Durham, NC and Washington, DC locations.

Summer Experience Goals

- Learn through challenging and meaningful activities
- Link academic learning to policy and practice
- Gain professional experience within the field of health policy
- Build positive relationships with faculty and staff
- Identify, clarify, and/or confirm direction as it relates to your academic studies and future career path
- Develop strong networking/mentoring relationships
- Strengthen our Margolis student community
- Have fun in the process!

Program Components

- Internship Orientation
- Health Policy Bootcamp
- Journal/Book Clubs
- Margolis Seminars
- Margolis Newsletters

- Summer Research Symposium
- Margolis Center Retreat
- Social Events
- Community Engagement Events



- Research Engagement & Support
- Skills Lab
- Summer Research Symposium
- Health Policy Translation & Dissemination Experience

- Mentor/Mentee Relationship
- Program Check Ins
- Professional Conference Attendance Support

Accepted students are paired with a Duke-Margolis faculty or research mentor for the duration of their Experience, with whom they will work to support ongoing Center efforts to conduct rigorous analyses on leading health policy challenges. Individual tasks will be project-specific, but will include assignments such as literature reviews, data analyses and visualizations, and writing/editing a broad variety of work products, including project reports, policy briefs, blog posts, and article submissions for peer review.

Accepted students are paid, dependent on education level, and work approximately 40 hours per week.

Summer Research Symposium

The Summer Experience culminates with the [Summer Research Symposium](#), giving students an opportunity to interact with health policy leaders from academia and the public and private sectors, present their summer research efforts to the broader Duke community, and receive additional support, feedback, and mentorship.

2023 Application Requirements

Students will submit an online application, and upload a current resume/CV, current academic transcript, and a 250-word statement of interest that describes how you intend to use health policy and this experience for your future academic/career goals.

2023 Application Timeline

Summer Experience will open applications on January 4, 2023 and close February 6, 2023. Application reviews and interviews will be conducted in February-March 2023 with hiring mentors offering interviews based on the applicant's qualifications and interests. Notifications and offers will be made on a rolling basis with final offers to be made no later than March 24, 2023.

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