



Bass Connections 2023-2024 Health Policy & Innovation Theme

Led by the Duke-Margolis Center for Health Policy

Bass Connections bridges the classroom and the real world, giving students a chance to roll up their sleeves and tackle complex societal problems alongside faculty from across Duke. Working in interdisciplinary teams, graduate and undergraduate students collaborate with faculty on cutting-edge research that spans subjects, demographic groups and borders. Bass Connections builds on Duke's culture of collaboration and fosters knowledge in service to society. Launched by a founding \$50 million gift from Anne T. and Robert M. Bass P'97, Bass Connections sparked a new approach to integrating research, education and civic engagement within the university.

Building on years of experience leading Bass Connections projects, the Duke-Margolis Health Policy Center will lead a new theme focused on Health Policy & Innovation in 2023-24.

Projects accepted for this theme will implement an interdisciplinary approach to confront complex challenges in US health and health care—from the need for new and better treatments and the high cost of care to the factors that cause persistent health disparities, the rapid spread of health-related misinformation, and growing obstacles to the effective development of public health strategies at the local, state and national levels.

Project teams of faculty, staff, and undergraduate and graduate students will focus on the development and implementation of strategies and solutions to improve the state of our health care system through evidence-based policy analysis, the development and testing of new medical devices and service delivery models, data analysis to inform patient care and wellness, intercountry comparative analysis, new provider training and patient communications systems, and new pricing models to reduce the cost of care. Students will develop the ability to apply critical thinking, creativity, and problem-solving skills to address complex health challenges, hone their capabilities in health policy research and analysis and gain experience working on multidisciplinary teams.

2024 Student Recruitment

Students can apply to participate on a year-long Bass Connections project once new projects are announced in January 2024 on the Bass Connection site (<https://bassconnections.duke.edu>).

All current Duke undergraduate students and Duke graduate students both incoming and current are eligible to apply.

2024 Bass Connections Fair
Jan. 26, 2024, 2-4 pm • Penn Pavilion



Learn more about 2024-25 project teams at the Bass Connections Fair.

Talk to faculty team leaders/Bass Connections staff about year-long project team opportunities and the benefits of participation.

Find out more about the Duke-Margolis Bass Connections Health Policy & Innovation Theme, by visiting our theme page:

<https://bassconnections.duke.edu/health-policy-and-innovation>

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