The Duke-Margolis Center for Health Policy

The mission of Duke University's Robert J. Margolis, MD, Center for Health Policy is to improve health 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.

Diverse Backgrounds & Interests

About the Margolis Scholars Program

The Margolis Scholars program is a prestigious program for Duke University students that demonstrate strong interest in and commitment to a career in health policy and management, as well as leadership potential to improve health policy. Named in honor of Robert Margolis, M.D., the founder of Duke-Margolis and a pioneer of innovative integrated care delivery models, the Margolis Scholars program provides promising students with the necessary knowledge, skills, and abilities to be the next generation of health care leaders.

Margolis Scholars is a competitive program open to students at undergraduate and graduate levels. Selected Scholars are engaged in the program for 1 to 2 years, depending on their program of study.

Program Components

The Margolis Scholars program has four key components: knowledge building, skills enhancement and training, professional development, and community building and networking. Activities offered across the four components include, but are not limited to:

Knowledge Building: participate in 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

Community Building & Networking: receive monthly policy newsletters, plan annual events, attend Margolis Retreat and other social/alumni events, and participate in unique opportunities to meet experts in the field
Scholars Fund
Margolis Scholars will be eligible for up to $6,000/yr that may be applied towards the following activities:

Research Funding Support (access to data sets, participant incentives, equipment/software etc.)
Professional Development (attendance of conferences, trainings, workshops, professional association memberships etc.)
Supplement for summer internships (up to $4,000)

Application Process

Eligibility Requirements:
Undergraduates: Rising sophomores or juniors may apply. Applications are open to all Schools/Majors.
Graduate/Professional Students: Students entering the first year of their respective graduate school program are eligible to apply with the following exceptions: Medical and PhD Nursing students should apply at the end of their second year and Law students should apply at the end of their first year.

Timeline:
The application and detailed instructions are available on the Duke-Margolis website (healthpolicy.duke.edu). Undergraduate application process begins in March of each academic year, while Graduate students will begin the application starting in June. Selected scholars will start in the fall semester.

Application Requirements:
Students will complete an online application and upload a current resume/CV, most recent transcripts, and contact information for an academic or professional reference.

“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—Class of 2019 Margolis Scholars Program Graduate

Find out more about the Duke-Margolis Center and Scholars Program

Kathryn Lallinger, MSLS
Margolis Scholars Program Coordinator
kathryn.lallinger@duke.edu

Janet Prvu Bettger, ScD, MSc
Margolis Undergraduate Scholar Director
janet.bettger@duke.edu

Corinna Sorenson, PhD, MHSA, MPH
Margolis Graduate Scholar Director
corinna.sorenson@duke.edu

For more information on Duke-Margolis Center Education Initiatives, please contact:

Sarah Dunn Phillips
Assistant Director of Education Initiatives
sarah.dunn.phillips@duke.edu

Gillian Sanders Schmidler
Deputy Director of Academics
gillian.sanders@duke.edu