The Duke Clinical Research Institute offers a living laboratory for promising clinical investigators, combining access to faculty experienced in all facets of clinical research with a supportive, collaborative environment that contributes to a unique and successful fellowship experience. DCRI fellows achieve a high degree of productivity, and those who complete the program typically obtain an academic position.

The two-year program allows fellows to work on a variety of research projects, ranging from phase I first-in-human studies through phase IV randomized clinical trials coordinated by the DCRI, as well as large-scale registries of multiple disease states and other outcomes-based studies.

All DCRI fellows have a primary faculty research mentor, but many also have several secondary research mentors who help to guide their research training. Currently, the DCRI offers research fellowships in cardiology, endocrinology, gastroenterology, hepatology, nephrology, oncology, pediatrics, pulmonary and critical care medicine, and surgery.

Prerequisites for becoming a DCRI research fellow differ slightly by specialty (see back).

**Educational Opportunities Within the DCRI Research Fellowship**

**Weekly DCRI Clinical Research Conference:** Fellows and faculty present a variety of topics related to clinical research. The *Visiting Professor Program* features mentors and researchers from other institutions who are invited by the fellows to share relevant insights.

**Weekly Research Fellow Seminar Series:** Features research projects or practical details regarding career planning, grant submission, and other topics.

**Didactic Training:** Fellows are encouraged to pursue coursework or a full Master’s Degree from a variety of program options (listed below with more on the website).

**The Clinical Research Training Program (CRTP):** Optional Master of Health Sciences in Clinical Research from the Duke University School of Medicine earned during the research fellowship at the DCRI.

**The Masters of Public Health (MPH):** Optional degree program offered through the University of North Carolina Gillings School of Global Public Health earned during the research fellowship at the DCRI.
DCRI FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

PROGRAM FEATURES

• Ongoing and direct mentorship from DCRI research faculty.
• Integration into ongoing clinical trials and outcomes research projects.
• Access to numerous databases from clinical trials and registries.
• Regular dissemination of new advances in clinical research with a variety of educational modalities.

APPLICATION PROCESS

The application and instructions are available on the DCRI Fellowship Program website (dcri.org/fellowship-program). All potential DCRI fellows must be board-eligible in their given specialty and country of origin.

The application must include a summary of the fellow’s research plans, designation of their primary research mentor, designation of their participation in the DCRI Core Educational Curriculum, and specific career objectives.

The application deadline for fellows who are currently enrolled in a clinical training fellowship at Duke University Medical Center is March 1 for the upcoming academic year (starting July 1).

For non-Duke fellows, an application and letters of reference are required, and the application deadline is more flexible depending upon individual circumstances. Requirements for international fellows are detailed on the website. Call or email Janelle Burner prior to completing an application.

Find out more about the DCRI Fellowship Program.

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