

SCHOLARS PROGRAM CLASS of 2028

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SCHOLARS PROGRAM

■ DESCRIPTION

- Longitudinal experience of guided study for exploration of medical practice, education, or research
- Series of research activities throughout four years of medical school, beginning in summer of your first year
- Faculty mentor at Drexel, Drexel-affiliate, or outside institution

■ PURPOSE

- Encourage students to participate in research over their four years at DUCOM
- To develop expertise in a selected area of research

SCHOLARS PROGRAM GOALS

- Expertise in doing research including data analysis
- Familiarity with IRB and IACUC protocols and submissions
- Producing and submitting publications, abstracts, and posters
- When possible present at regional or national meetings

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- Requirements
- Summer research or activities
 - Can be funded but does not have to be
- Seminars/journals club requirements each year
- Ultimate goal is to submit a paper to a peer-reviewed journal for publication or present at a regional/national meeting by September of the 4th year

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- **SIX DIFFERENT TRACKS:** (choose one)
- Biomedical - Dr. Karen Berkowitz
- Public Health – Dr. Esther Chernak
- Business - Dr. Michael S. Weingarten and Dr. Michael Howley
- Global Health - Dr. Nielufar Varjavand
- Medical Education - Dr. Carolyn Giordano, Dr. Michael S. Weingarten
- Medical Informatics – Dr. Arnold Smolen

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- Quarterly meetings with the Dean of the Scholars Program
- Quarterly meetings with the mentor
- Fulfillment of requirements of the specific track
- Website: [Research Scholars Program](#)
- Resources to find research projects:
 - Biomedical Track: [How to Find Research](#) (Career Advising website in webcampus)
 - Public Health, Business, Global Health, Medical Education, Medical informatics Tracks: input from Track Director and Dr. Weingarten

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Application Process

- Application opens in Dec. 2024, due in Feb. 2025, notification in April 2025 (dates TBA)
- An application and interview (scheduled in Feb. – Mar.) are required to be considered for acceptance into the program
- Office hours (recommended) will be held in Nov. through Jan. to provide input or help clarifying track and/or project

SCHOLARS PROGRAM (separate opportunity)

- First Year Scholars who have a Drexel or Drexel-affiliated faculty mentor can also apply to the DUCOM Medical Student Summer Research (MSSRF) program
- **MSSRF IS A SEPARATE RESEARCH OPPORTUNITY/PROGRAM AND APPLICATION**
 - meeting on Monday, November 11th, 3:30 – 4:30 pm
- Medical Student Summer Research Fellowship

ANY QUESTIONS???

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