Department of Pediatrics
Duke University School of Medicine

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Duke Pediatric Research Scholars Program

2026 Request for Applications (RFA): Fellows Research Award

The **Duke Pediatric Research Scholars (DPRS) Program** is seeking interested Pediatric Fellows to apply for the DPRS **Fellows Research Award**. This funding opportunity is open exclusively for Duke **Pediatric Fellows** through the **DPRS Fellows Research Award Program.** The awarded recipient will be named a DPRS scholar and will receive funds intended to support early-stage research projects that advance knowledge and improve outcomes in pediatric health care. The goal of this program is to foster academic scholarship and support fellows in developing research skills that will contribute to a successful career in pediatric research.

Programmatic Expectations:

- Meet with the DPRS committee at least once a year to discuss research progress.
- Submit a brief **progress report** at 12 months and a **final report** at project completion.
- Present findings at the annual Duke Pediatric Research Retreat.
- Apply to other internal and external grants
- Acknowledge funding support in all related presentations and publications.

Application Requirements:

- **Personal Statement**- *maximum 1 page*
  Please describe your interest in joining the program including your prior research experience and specific skills you would like to develop.
- **Research Proposal** - *maximum 2 pages*
  - Background and significance
  - Specific aims
  - Anticipated outcomes and impact
  - Timeline
- **Applicant's CV** or NIH-style Biosketch
- **Mentor's Biosketch**
- **Letter of Support from Research Mentor**
- **IRB/IACUC Approval or Submission Plan**
  IRB/IACUC approval is not required at the time of application but must be obtained prior to the release of funds.

Award Eligibility:

- Applicants should be starting their second or third year of fellowship by **July 1st ,2026.**
- Applicants who currently hold another grant are not eligible to apply.
- No eligibility determination will be based on citizenship.

Applications are due: April 30, 2026. Interested applicants should submit the following documents as **a single PDF file** to pedsresscholars@dm.duke.edu

Award Information:

- **Amount**: Up to $10,000
- **Duration**: 12 months (July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027)
- **Allowable Costs**: Research supplies and support, statistical support, software, and national travel to present research.
- **Non-Allowable Costs**: Salary support for applicant or mentor, indirect costs, tuition.

Other Benefits:

- A monthly seminar series focused on research and career development offered via DPRS and Research Careers Ahead! seminars available through OPSD
- Grant and manuscript writing assistance, concept review

Submit your questions to pedsresscholars@dm.duke.edu