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DUKE-NUS MEDICAL STUDENT FELLOWSHIP (Duke-NUS MSF)**

Academic Medicine – Enhancing Training, Healthcare, Outcomes & Standards (AM-ETHOS) is a series of initiatives developed by the JOAM-Academic Programmes Management Department (APMD) and funded by Duke-NUS. AM-ETHOS reflects our commitment to improve the learning and practice of Medicine and to build capacity and capabilities for the SingHealth Duke-NUS Academic Medical Centre (AMC).

The **Duke-NUS Medical Student Fellowship (Duke-NUS MSF)** is an AM-ETHOS initiative for Duke-NUS Medical Students. The AM-ETHOS Duke-NUS MSF aims to enhance our Medical Students' interest, experience and the ability to pursue new knowledge through their Phase 3 research/scholarly projects. This is important for Duke-NUS and for the Academic Health System to support early identification of Academic Clinician talents to shape them into well-rounded Clinicians Plus.

We hope to spur research efforts in Clinical, Translational, other Research or other Scholarly activities with Duke-NUS Medical Students by providing support in their Phase 3 research/scholarly projects and to strengthen the Medical Student - Academic Clinical Programme (ACP) Mentor and ACP engagement.

AWARD YEAR 2024

The applicant is to submit the completed Medical Student Fellowship Application Form to the JOAM-Academic Programmes Management Department (APMD) emails as below by **Friday, 30 August 2024**.

Before applying, the applicant should read the guidelines carefully, in particular the eligibility criteria, the expected outcomes of the AM-ETHOS Duke-NUS Medical Student Fellowship and the funding conditions. If in doubt about the eligibility criteria, please contact us prior to submitting an application.

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GENERAL GUIDELINES

Overview

1. The AM-ETHOS Duke-NUS Medical Student Fellowship (Duke-NUS MSF) aims to support Duke-NUS Medical Students who are undertaking Phase 3 research/scholarly projects. This fellowship is designed to allow medical student awardees to have first-hand experience of the health system during their Phase 3 research/scholarly projects emplacement within the Academic Clinical Programmes (ACPs) with their ACP mentors and for better line-of-sight by the ACPs.

Key Elements

2. The amount for the Duke-NUS MSF Grant is **up to S\$3,000 per Medical Student and ACP Mentor pair, through the ACP.**
3. The AM-ETHOS Duke-NUS MSF Grant supports research activities such as clinical, translational, other Research (e.g. Meta-analysis, Medical education research, Epidemiology, Population health, Basic Science and Global health studies etc.) or other Scholarly activities (e.g. Health Innovation, Public Health Policy, Medical Education-Curriculum Proposal, etc.) of the Medical Student and ACP Mentor.
4. The grant commences on 1 November 2024 and will be managed by the ACP Mentor with the Medical Student for the specific research/scholarly project.

Eligibility Criteria & Requirements

5. Current Medical Students and their ACP Mentors who are undertaking their Phase 3 Research/Scholarly projects in July 2024 are eligible for the AM-ETHOS Duke-NUS MSF Grant.
6. The ACP Mentor must be from the Duke-NUS Approved Research Mentor list. Please refer to the website for the list: <https://www.singhealthdukenus.com.sg/am-ethos-duke-nus-medical-student-fellowship>
7. The Phase 3 Research/Scholarly projects must be carried out in Singapore with the exception of Global Health projects that require travel.
8. Where applicable, the host institution of the ACP Mentor must set up proper policies and procedures to ensure continuous effective monitoring of the project by the Institutional

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Review Board (IRB) or ethics committee to ascertain that the research/scholarly project is carried out without any breach of ethics.

Funding Conditions

9. Funding will be made available by way of grant provided to the Medical Student Awardee and ACP Mentor, under the care of the ACP's host institution.
10. The AM-ETHOS Duke-NUS MSF Grant will be disbursed to the ACP Mentor's host institution within the SingHealth Duke-NUS AMC.
11. Any procurement under the AM-ETHOS Duke-NUS MSF Grant must be based on prevailing policies of the ACP Mentor's host institution.
12. The Grant cannot be used to hire and pay for permanent staff salary or remuneration or its equivalent.
13. The Grant may be used to offset expenses directly related to the development of the project.
14. The Grant cannot be used to offset overseas travel expenses that arise out of Research requirements. Travel costs, if any, will be supported via the SDGHI grant. Please contact SDGHI for any travel-related queries.
15. The Grant may be extended for a duration of 6 months, subjected to the approval of the JOAM-Academic Programmes Management Department (APMD). All unutilised funds are to be returned to the JOAM-Academic Programmes Management Department (APMD) within six (6) months upon completion of the research/scholarly project, or if the research/scholarly project is terminated.
16. Medical students who are awarded the AM-ETHOS Duke-NUS MSF Grant should inform the JOAM-APMD should there be any change of the research/scholarly project title as approved by the Duke-NUS Office of Education.
17. The Medical Student and ACP Mentor must agree to the terms stated in the application form to qualify for this scheme. The JOAM-APMD reserves the right to withdraw the Grant if any of the terms are not met or if the instructions are not adhered to.

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Expected Outcomes & Deliverables

18. The Duke-NUS Medical Student and his/her ACP Mentor should successfully complete their Phase 3 research/scholarly project within the stipulated timeframe. At the end of the project:
 - a) The Duke-NUS Medical Student should be a role model to his/her juniors.
 - b) There should be an increase in the amount and quality of interaction and stronger partnership forged between the ACP Mentor and the Duke-NUS Medical Student so that it could provide further opportunities for collaborative projects.
 - c) ACP Mentors should be able to identify and assess potential Medical Students who are keen or apt in Research/Scholarly activities and actively engage them to continue pursuing Research/Scholarly activities.
 - d) The ACP Chairs, Vice Chairs and Residency Programme Directors should have line-of-sight of potential Medical Students so that they can be further developed should they be part of SingHealth Residency.
 - e) The ACP Mentor and his/her host institution are required to submit the necessary Financial Report (Duke-NUS Medical School/ JOAM-APMD) at the end of the Award to the JOAM-APMD.

Application Process

19. For FY2024, Duke-NUS Medical Students and their ACP Mentors who are commencing their Phase 3 research/scholarly projects and are undertaking either a clinical, translational, other Research or other Scholarly activities starting in July 2024 are eligible for the scheme. Medical Students will continue to adhere to the usual process of submitting their Research/Scholarly projects application forms to the Duke-NUS Office of Education.
20. Eligible Medical Students and ACP Mentors will have to complete the Application Form for intention to apply for the AM-ETHOS Duke-NUS MSF Grant by **Friday, 30 August 2024**.