The Duke Clinical and Translational Science Institute (CTSI) seeks a new Director for the Duke Scholars in Molecular Medicine (DSMM) program to start July 1, 2021. This position would report to the CTSI Director, Dr. Ebony Boulware. The DSMM Director would be responsible for overseeing all aspects of the DSMM program including the work of 12 co-Directors and ~25 participants each year.

Responsibilities include programmatic development and oversight with the goal of potential programmatic expansion, overseeing the application process annually, supervising programmatic activities for all-DSMM including welcome and monthly activities such as the DSMM speaker series, work with development team to foster donor relationships when applicable, and ongoing evaluation of programmatic success.

The Duke Scholars in Molecular Medicine (DSMM) was established in 2012 with support from the School or Medicine. It has been housed within the CTSI since 2019. The DSMM program and DSMM Director are currently supported by program staff and administrative assistance from the CTSI.

DSMM takes PhD students and post-docs and gives them an exposure to clinical medicine. The program runs for 9 months (September to May). Student apply to one of four tracks:

1) Infectious Diseases
2) Neurosciences
3) Oncology and Regenerative Medicine
4) Endocrine and Cardiometabolic Disease

In each track, the participants have a unique opportunity to gain firsthand exposure to the clinical areas related to their field of basic research, learn about the bench to bedside translational process, understand key aspects of clinical trials, identify unmet clinical needs that may be addressed through their scientific expertise, and develop confidence in interacting with and engaging clinician partners.

The program generally includes the following monthly activities:

1) Shadowing an attending physician in clinic or on hospital rounds
2) Attending clinical conferences such as case conference, Journal club, Grand Rounds, or others.
3) Monthly faculty guest speaker series with invited faculty from Duke and beyond (industry, NIH, etc.). These speakers cover a wide range of interests for our trainees who wish to explore careers in translational or clinical research.

In addition, our Scholars get the opportunity to attend a national clinical meeting with co-directors.

DSMM also supports NIH-funded T32 training grants at Duke, and we have pledged our support to additional T32 proposals that are in submission. In this context, we commit to having the PhD trainees on the T32 grants participate in our program. This serves the purpose of providing a translational and clinical experience to the T32-funded trainee using an already-in-place infrastructure (i.e. DSMM) at Duke.

Candidates should be physician scientists who have expertise in both patient care and research, and an interest in mentoring the next generation of translational scientists.