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On a campus known for health care innovation, we provide the world’s best medical education for 21st century physicians. We emphasize powerful collaborations among students, mentors, and peers in other health disciplines. It’s a holistic approach that trains your skills, shapes your values, and hones your intellect. We challenge you to fulfill your highest ambitions as a graduate of the CWRU School of Medicine.

Look around. Our breakthrough Health Education Campus, a soaring glass tower opening in 2019, embodies our transparent approach. It’s designed to encourage students and faculty from our four health care disciplines to work in partnership. State-of-the-future training includes our HoloAnatomy curriculum: the augmented-reality approach allows medical students to see holograms amid their surroundings. And the incredible diversity of our city and campus, drawing talent and patients from around the world, reinforces our global perspective.

Well-known as one of the nation’s top-ranked medical schools and a perennial leader in NIH research funding, the School of Medicine prepares tomorrow’s medical leaders. We focus on small-team learning and mentoring, recognizing our students as valued colleagues.

I believe our School’s model of interaction, collaboration and intellectual stimulation will take you to a level of scholastic achievement available at few other programs in the world. I invite you to consider the opportunity to begin your medical training with the best.
Meet your Case Inquiry (IQ) Team: eight to ten incisive classmates who will likely become your closest colleagues, peers and friends. Our team construct is a unique approach, emphasizing dynamic learning in small groups (think Socratic) instead of crowded lecture halls. You’ll find other opportunities to contribute to interdisciplinary studies through your mentor, who will advise the robust research thesis you’ll write as part of your third-year curriculum. That rewarding experience can help you match into the best residencies, right here in Cleveland or nationwide. Our five distinguished academic societies encourage your curiosity, with Society Deans providing personal and professional support. Throughout your education, they advise you on issues like dual degree planning, research and career opportunities.
Our curriculum allows you to tailor your medical training to meet your personal passions and interests. The daily class schedule allows generous blocks of self-directed time to study, volunteer, pursue research interests, and stay balanced.

Our interdisciplinary Pathways examine broad topics in contemporary medicine, such as humanities, urban health, and wellness and preventative care. Pathways give students the opportunity to complement their medical studies with additional mentoring, leadership, research, and community service opportunities that align closely with their interests.
Your hands-on clinical training takes place in four prestigious hospitals, presenting a stimulating array of environments, patient profiles, and challenges:

- Cleveland Clinic
- University Hospitals Cleveland Medical Center
- MetroHealth Medical Center
- Louis Stokes VA Medical Center
Cleveland Clinic
Cleveland Clinic’s legendary prowess in cardiovascular care, urology, gastroenterology, kidney disorders and more powers the work of its three dozen research institutes and centers. With ten regional hospitals and more than 3,500 physicians and scientists, it performs over 200,000 surgeries a year.

University Hospitals Cleveland Medical Center
UH Cleveland Medical Center’s campus is a 861-bed tertiary medical center comprising UH Cleveland Medical Center, UH Rainbow Babies & Children’s Hospital, UH Seidman Cancer Center, UH MacDonald Women’s Hospital, and University Psychiatric Center. A Level 1 adult and pediatric trauma center, UH is routinely ranked among the nation’s top programs in cardiology and heart surgery, pulmonology, nephrology and diabetes, organ transplantation and human genetics. A pioneer in neonatology, its NICU is the top-ranked such center in Ohio.

MetroHealth Medical Center
With a mission of public health and service to the community, MetroHealth is one of the strongest community hospitals in the nation. Its Centers of Excellence integrate basic research in molecular, cell, and organ physiology with genetic epidemiology and clinical research to identify the genetic and environmental causes of disease. A Level 1 adult trauma and burn center, MetroHealth has one of the busiest emergency departments in the country, and excels in creating new therapies for chronic diseases.

Louis Stokes VA Medical Center
Louis Stokes VA Medical Center is an integral partner of the Cleveland FES Center, a world leader in functional electrical stimulation. FES investigators work to restore limb and body movement, mitigate pain from trauma, create autonomic systems to stimulate visceral function, and develop implantable systems and electrodes. Its Advanced Platform Technology Center is a VA Center of Excellence.

The School of Medicine and its four affiliated hospitals comprise the largest biomedical research institution in Ohio in NIH funding, offering world-class clinical and research opportunities.
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Kirkland Wilson, MSTP ’20, combines his doctoral research in rare genetic disorders with a clinical tutorial, spending time in the clinic each week. “The program allows you to stay involved in medicine while doing research. I see patients with organic acid deficiencies and a wide variety of other diseases as well.”

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“Ovarian cancer still kills too many women. In our lab, we are beginning to understand resistance to the widely-used drug cisplatin, as well as biomarkers for the disease.”

Olga Kovalenko, SOM ’20, has worked with faculty member and mentor Analisa DiFeo, PhD since her freshman undergraduate year at CWRU, researching responses to a key ovarian cancer therapy. She contributed to a paper her team published in a leading oncology journal. “It felt incredible. A research career seemed inaccessible to me—I didn’t have that [background] in my family.” A native of Belarus, she continues her research while volunteering in the city’s community health center and in rural Peru. She hopes to match with an OB-GYN residency in Cleveland.

MAKE NEW DISCOVERIES.
America’s densest concentration of cultural attractions and performing arts venues is right here at University Circle, with world-class museums, galleries, theaters, parks, architectural landmarks, and unique shopping and dining choices. Excellent public transit, affordability and a booming economy in health care and technology create a thriving international neighborhood. Cleveland also boasts the best in pro sports (including the NBA Cavaliers), the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame, The Flats nightlife district, and the 23,000-acre MetroParks system with 300 miles of trails, eight golf courses, and eight lakefront parks.