TESTIMONIALS TO DUKE-NUS FROM JOHNS HOPKINS GRADUATES

“Duke-NUS provides a unique medical eduAcation experience- team-based learning, early exposure to clinical medicine, a third year dedicated to research, and a diverse group of classmates. The curriculum here trains you to be a well-rounded and evidenced-based doctor who will be both analytical in your clinical thinking and forward-thinking for what medicine needs for the future. If you are an open-minded person whose goal is to one day practice in Asia, to become a clinician-scientist, or to gain experience on how medicine is practiced outside of the US, Duke-NUS is the right program for you.”
- Justin Hsieh, JHU class of 2011 B.A./M.S. in Neuroscience

“Duke-NUS Graduate Medical School is a great place for aspiring clinician scientists. Students can expect to be exposed to ward rounds and medical conditions very early on in the program, before joining a research lab to pursue their interests in relevant fields of biomedical research. I am glad to have chosen Duke-NUS as a platform for my future career, and would encourage students with a strong interest in clinical and scientific research to join our growing community.”
- Goh Jin-Ling, Vera. MD/PhD Student, Duke-NUS. Bachelor of Science in Molecular and Cellular Biology, Johns Hopkins University.

“It was quite exciting being one of the pioneering batches of students at Duke-NUS, as we had the opportunity to see the school developing and maturing. The atmosphere was vibrant, and the teachers were really dedicated. I feel like I’ve made the right decision and am looking forward to continuing my studies at Duke-NUS.”
- Pham Nguyen Tu Anh, Class of 2012, Bachelor of Science in Molecular & Cellular Biology, Johns Hopkins University

“My name is William Wang, and I am currently a first year medical student at the Duke-NUS Graduate Medical School in Singapore. I graduated from Hopkins in 2006 with a Bachelor of Science in Molecular and Cellular Biology, and completed a Master of Science from Tufts University. My experiences so far at Duke-NUS have surpassed all my expectations. Unlike any other existing MD curriculums, Duke-NUS offers a truly unique and innovative approach to learning, specifically the early clinical experience incorporated into the curriculum, a strong emphasis on research, and a novel team-based teaching method. We are taught by experienced, practicing clinicians, and an impressive research enterprise offers me unparalleled opportunities to participate in cutting-edge scientific inquiry. I believe these approaches create a supportive environment that fosters critical thinking, creativity, collaboration, and the growth of socially responsible doctors who can produce a positive influence on the future of healthcare in Singapore and beyond.”
- William Wang, Class of 2016 Duke-NUS, Bachelor of Science (Molecular & Cellular Biology) JHU

“Moving to Singapore was a big change in my life. I had never been to this part of the world and, to be honest, I was not quite sure about what my academic life would be like at Duke-NUS and how it would train me for my future career. Luckily, I found it very easy to adapt to the lifestyle in Singapore - a small city-country where many different cultures mingle, with lots of different people to meet and yummy food to eat. If you get bored with the small city, you can also travel to nearby places like Malaysia. The curriculum at Duke-NUS is similar to that at Duke, and we are granted the same opportunity to learn in the team-based environment. One downside of training in the local hospitals might be that we do not get to see a wide variety of
cases as we would in the States (not being able to speak the local languages will also put you at a disadvantage), but the quality of the training is comparable to that in the States. And because each class is very small (~50 students), I get the feeling that the school will hold my hand and walk me through every step, and always be there for me. Lastly, one advice I want to give to prospective students considering Duke-NUS is “be open-minded”. People here are different; the patients are different, the doctors are different, the faculty is different, and your classmates will be different. Be open-minded to interact with different people from different backgrounds with different values. Then you will enjoy your time at Duke-NUS Graduate Medical School in Singapore!”

- Sarah Kim, Class of 2015 Duke-NUS, BA in Arts & Sciences (History of Art Major, French Literature Minor) JHU.

“The experience Duke-NUS uniquely provides an American-style education in Asia. There is this sense of openness in the campus, where students freely discuss and debate on issues about their scientific or medical work; as long as you have a good idea, be it in the form of a research project or community service, you will get the support to make it work. As part of the Singapore medical system, Duke-NUS has also placed me at the forefront of the challenges faced by the local medical community, giving me the opportunity to use my knowledge and skills to tackle these challenges now and in the future.”

- Lau Hui Yeung, Duke-NUS MD-PhD Student, JHU Bachelor of Science in Molecular & Cellular Biology.