Program Overview

For NYU medical students considering careers including clinical and/or translational research, TREC and the School of Medicine collaborate to offer a five-year, dual-degree program. Students “step away” from medical school after their third year and make a full-time commitment to one year of research education and experience. Through judicious scheduling, medical students during this year complete all of the didactics that our post-graduate MSc students complete over the course of two years. Research experience is focused primarily on the first year of the program. Subsequently, students return to medical school for a combined final year of both their MD and MSc degrees, in which they continue to complete their research over the course of a minimum 12-week commitment. Students receive the same degree of mentoring, and are expected to complete the same milestones as the post-doctoral students (tailored for their level of expertise and time availability), with the exception that the dual degree students write a reflective final thesis in lieu of a grant.