



“Medical students at Duke get involved with exciting and important research.”

- ANDREA TSAI M'09

Andrea Tsai M'09 hopes to enter academic medicine with a specialization in surgery. She chose Duke because its School of Medicine gives students a full year to devote to research. She had considered a career as a research scientist, and this year she's studying methods of treating advanced liver cancer. “The real-world experience I'm getting here—both in the clinics and as a researcher—is the most valuable part of my education.”



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Andrea grew up outside of Boston, and she has a brother who also went to medical school. His financial aid package was made up entirely of loans, whereas Andrea receives a mix of grant and loan support. “Medical school is already an enormous commitment,” she said. “It can be daunting to graduate with a huge burden of debt.” This year, Andrea received a Doris Duke Clinical Research Fellowship to supplement her other grants.