

Otology Fellowship Program Information

Program Name: Duke University School of Medicine Otology Fellowship

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Application Deadline: September 30, 2025

Number of fellows per year: One

University Affiliation: Duke University School of Medicine

Hospital Affiliation: Duke University Hospitals

Faculty: Dr. Howard Francis, Dr. David Kaylie, Dr. Calhoun Cunningham, Dr. Steven Eliades, Dr. Eric Formeister, Dr. Noam Bartuv.

Licensing Requirement: NC Medical License and Valid DEA; H1B visa eligible (for international applicants)

Operative Experience: This fellowship provides structured clinical opportunities for trainees to develop advanced skills in otology, neurotology, and skull base surgery. The trainee will gain competency in otology and neurotology/lateral skull base procedures at the main Duke University Hospital in Durham, at Duke Raleigh Hospital, at a satellite ambulatory surgery center in Durham, and at the Durham Veterans Affairs Medical Center.

A robust experience in lateral skull base pathology (vestibular schwannomas, meningiomas, CSF leaks), vestibular surgery (superior canal dehiscence repair, labyrinthectomy/endolymphatic sac decompression), cochlear implantation in both adults and children and a vast opportunity for chronic ear surgery is provided. As a division, the otology/neurotology faculty perform approximately 170 cochlear implants per year, with about 50 tumor cases per year (~85% translabyrinthine, ~10% retrosigmoid, 5% middle fossa). Hundreds of chronic ear cases are performed yearly.

Call Requirements: General otolaryngology attending call, shared with 15 otolaryngology faculty members (~3 – 4 weeks per year)

Research: A meaningful, supervised research experience will be encouraged to enhance the clinical experience.

Benefits: Yes, consistent with Duke GME office PGY6 standard

Salary: PGY6 salary, as dictated by Duke GME office

Number of Otolaryngology Faculty: 6

Additional Information: Our fellows will gain practical experience in teaching residents at all of the Duke locations and the Durham VA hospital and have opportunities to participate in research that pushes the limits of knowledge in our field. The majority of time will be spent at the main campus (Duke University Hospital) in Durham, NC, as well as at the Davis Ambulatory Surgery Center in Durham, NC. The fellow will rotate with Dr. Calhoun Cunningham at Duke Raleigh Hospital (both operating rooms and clinics). In addition, both domestic and international fellows will have their own independent full-day clinic, twice per month, at a new state-of-the-art otolaryngology satellite clinic in Cary, NC.