

Departments with Large Graduate Programs in School of Medicine

Department and Programs	Chair	email
Anatomy and Neurobiology -Ph.D. Neuroscience -M.S. Anatomy and Neurobiology	Dr. Pamela Knapp	pamela.knapp@vcuhealth.org
Cellular, Molecular and Genetic Medicine -Ph.D. Biochemistry -M.S. Biochemistry -Certificate in Clinical Genetics -M.S. Genetic Counseling -Ph.D. Human Genetics -M.S. Human Genetics -Ph.D. Physiology and Biophysics -M.S. Physiology and Biophysics	Dr. Ashley Cowart	lauren.cowart@vcuhealth.org
Microbiology and Immunology -Ph.D. Microbiology and Immunology -M.S. Microbiology and Immunology	Dr. Derek Sant'Angelo	Derek.SantAngelo@vcuhealth.org
Pharmacology and Toxicology -M.S. Addiction Studies -Certificate Addiction Studies -Ph.D. Pharmacology and Toxicology -M.S. Pharmacology and Toxicology	Dr. Jill Bettinger	Jill.bettinger@vcuhealth.org
Radiation Oncology -Ph.D. Medical Physics -M.S. Medical Physics -Certificate Medical Physics	Dr. Jatinder Palta (chief)	jatinder.palta@vcuhealth.org

This is a list of departments and chairs with large numbers of graduate trainees in the School of Medicine. Students should connect with their graduate program director or the Senior Associate Dean for Graduate Education in the School of Medicine if their advisor's chair is not listed.

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