

One-Year Research Degree Opportunities for Medical Students

Master of Public Health (MPH) Degree Program

Overview: The purpose of the joint MD/MPH degree program is to train physicians in the knowledge and skills needed to recognize, analyze and address health problems affecting communities and society. Available exclusively to current Washington University School of Medicine students pursuing their Doctor of Medicine degree, students in this program earn a Master of Public Health degree from the Brown School in one additional year of study. Accredited by the Council on Education for Public Health since 2012, the Master of Public Health program is recognized as a pioneer in transdisciplinary problem-solving and public health research. This national “seal of approval” publicly recognizes the quality of the public health program, faculty, staff, and students. Students gain an understanding of the social, economic, environmental and cultural determinants of health and learn to apply evidence-based approaches to community-level disease prevention, health promotion and health policy.

Students have access to the latest research, plus opportunities to work with faculty to explore their research interests through special projects, independent study, research assistant positions, or research-oriented fieldwork. The MPH faculty are on the forefront of chronic disease prevention, tobacco policy research, mental health, health systems science, health communications, epidemiology, violence and injury prevention, and system dynamics. The MPH is affiliated with thirteen research centers and has faculty connections with numerous Washington University research centers. These centers produce groundbreaking research on health disparities, health policy, health systems, and the prevention and treatment of chronic disease.

Curriculum: 52 Credits are required for the MPH degree, with a 3-credit hour practicum at an approved site. Specializations are available in Epidemiology, Biostatistics, Global Health, Health Policy Analysis, and Urban Design. Core courses include:

- Health Behavior and Promotion
- Biostatistics
- Epidemiology
- Environmental Health
- Health Administration and Policy
- Transdisciplinary Problem Solving

Eligibility: Washington University Medical Student. Current MD students in good standing may apply for entry into the MPH program in fall of their third year of the MD program.

Funding: The tuition rate for new full-time MPH students for the 2018-2019 academic year is \$18,370 per semester. The Brown School offers generous merit-based scholarships—more than \$6 million last year—as well as need-based financial aid.

Application: Current MD students will apply for entry into the MPH program in fall of their third year through the centralized Schools of Public Health Application Service (SOPHAS) at <https://sophasexpress.liasoncas.com>. Applications are available September 1st; deadline for admission and scholarship consideration is **December 15**. Applicants will be notified of admission decisions by February 1; admitted students must accept / confirm intent to enroll by April 1. Please visit <https://mph.wustl.edu/apply/> for more information.

Further Information: The directors of the MPH program are Will Ross, MD, MPH at the School of Medicine (rossw@wustl.edu) and Lora Ionatti, Ph.D at the Brown School of Social Work and Public Health (lionnotti@wustl.edu). Students interested in the program may obtain additional information by contacting Leslie McCollam, email leslieduling@wustl.edu.