ENVIRONMENTAL & OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH SCIENCES

Epidemiology is the study of the frequency, distribution, and determinants of disease in human populations. The Department of Epidemiology's mission is to provide rigorous training in the fundamentals and practice of epidemiology, to contribute to the understanding of the causes and prevention of disease and its outcomes, and to improve public health through excellence in research and practice. Epidemiology has a central role in public health and biomedical research more generally because it comprises techniques to ensure that research, study design and interpretation of results are as accurate as possible.

HIGHLIGHTS
The quality of our program is reflected in our research funding. Our program consistently ranks in the University of Washington's top ten departments in overall grant support. Federal research and training funds compose about two-thirds of the department's budget and provide the primary support for about a dozen research and training centers. Research can take place at the bench, in the field, or in the community. Additional state funding supports our Environmental Health Laboratory, Field Research and Consultation Group, and Occupational and Environmental Medicine Clinic. We provide analytical and consultation services to private and public sector employers and to injured workers.

DEGREES AND/OR CERTIFICATES OFFERED

MS: Environmental Health, Environmental Toxicology, *Applied Toxicology, **Occupational and Environmental Exposure Sciences

PhD: Environmental and Occupational Hygiene, Environmental Toxicology

MPH: Environmental and Occupational Health, Occupational and Environmental Medicine
* S-quarter accelerated program
**Accelerated 5-quarter, project /portfolio option available

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APPLICANT QUALIFICATIONS
Applicants are reviewed holistically. It is highly desirable to have completed one year of chemistry and biology and one quarter of differential and integral calculus. One year of physics, covering mechanics, electromagnetism, oscillatory motion, and waves, is required in some degree programs. The GRE is required for applicants not holding advanced degrees. Relevant prior research or practice experience is valued.

ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL OPPORTUNITIES
Our department is a nationally recognized leader in research into occupational and environmental health problems. This research ranges from basic science to community-based participatory research projects. Students can take advantage of internship and practica opportunities in a public agency, private industry, or an academic or international setting. This valuable experience prepares them for employment after graduation in positions such as toxicologist, industrial hygienist, risk assessment investigator, public health policy maker, research scientist, and more.

ADMISSIONS
Prerequisites include one year of biology, chemistry and physics, one quarter of differential and integral calculus. Applicants are considered holistically. Some prerequisites may be waived or satisfied before entering the program. Applications may be submitted on-line at: www.grad.washington.edu/applForAdmiss/. Applicants submit GRE (General Test) scores, resume or CV, Statement of Purpose, three recommendation letters and transcripts. International applicants may need to submit TOEFL scores.

APPLICATION DEADLINE
Autumn Quarter Entry
Students are admitted in autumn quarter. The application deadline is December 1st of the previous year.