



EMPOWERING TOMORROW'S PUBLIC HEALTH LEADERS

We have entered a new era in public health, one defined by new challenges that demand our immediate attention and unwavering commitment. In this interconnected world, the urgency to equip communities with transformative, health-equity-driven strategies has never been more pressing. The University of Washington School of Public Health (UW SPH) stands at the forefront of this movement, with unparalleled expertise, innovative research and a commitment to fostering healthier communities. You can play a pivotal role in advancing greater health equity, empowering our students to become agents of change within their communities and beyond. We invite you to invest in our students, the future leaders of public health.

THE POWER OF EDUCATION

At the UW SPH, we offer our students an interdisciplinary approach to education that combines technical classroom learning with real-world field experience. To be effective with the constituents that we serve, we believe that our student body must reflect the diverse communities that make up our world. Consistently ranked among the top public health schools globally, UW SPH students work collaboratively with faculty, community partners, students from various academic disciplines, and over 30 research centers to craft timely solutions for a continuously changing health landscape. Our 11,000-plus graduates lead public health agencies, conduct vital health research, shape health policy, and enact measures to protect population health.

From our unique location in the Pacific Northwest, our collaborations with diverse partners, such as the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, Casa Latina, the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Center, and the Seattle Indian Health Board, enrich our students' educational experiences. By fostering connections with local and regional partners, we ensure our students emerge prepared to lead with useful tools, focused expertise, an inclusive mindset, and real-world experience. Our graduates depart the program empowered to create positive, lasting change at the population scale.

STUDENTS ARE THE FUTURE OF PUBLIC HEALTH

The escalating cost of higher education, exacerbated by years of public funding disinvestment, has placed a significant financial burden on individuals and families. Yearly tuition costs for graduate programs in SPH range from \$20,000 to \$40,000, with living expenses in Seattle adding another \$20,000 to \$30,000 per year. Currently, SPH loses top student applicants, particularly first-generation students and students from diverse socioeconomic backgrounds, to peer institutions due to a lack of sufficient funding. Scholarships and fellowships are essential to help students offset tuition costs and can make the difference between a student enrolling in our programs, accepting a more compelling offer at another university, carrying a crippling debt load or not obtaining a degree at all.

Public health is all about collaboration – stopping infectious diseases like COVID-19 or improving the way we screen for and treat diseases like cancer requires people from different backgrounds with different skill sets. It's been so valuable to participate in research projects with my professors and students from other disciplines.



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A world of

HEALTHY PEOPLE
SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH

COLLABORATION | COMMUNITY | EQUITY, DIVERSITY AND ANTI-RACISM | MEANINGFUL POSITIVE IMPACT | INNOVATION | SHARED LEARNING

WORKING TOWARDS GREATER HEALTH EQUITY

There is an urgent need for ethical, creative leaders who can work collaboratively to develop solutions for our greatest health threats, now and in the future. Today's generation of developing leaders are interested in pursuing careers that create positive impact at the population scale. These individuals emerge from our degree programs equipped to innovate, collaborate, engage stakeholders, understand complex systems and to take action. Our graduates respond to evolving health emergencies; safeguard families and workers; advance the discovery of life-saving vaccines; uncover innovative methods for analysis; devise programs that improve the quality of life for everyone; and craft public health policies based on evidence and the principles of social justice and inclusion.

Research shows that a diverse public health workforce is better positioned to respond to the cultural values, beliefs and practices of the communities they serve, and provide equitable, respectful and linguistically appropriate care. To increase positive health outcomes for the populations they serve, this vital workforce must include more public health practitioners and researchers from diverse socioeconomic backgrounds and those who hold diverse lived experiences. Ensuring the financial viability for all public health students to complete their educational journey is key to increasing health equity for all.

As a graduate of the University of Washington School of Public Health, I learned that public health programs have a direct and positive impact on our communities. After nearly forty years in the field, I have seen this to be true. Financially supporting UW SPH is a meaningful way to help students carry on this social responsibility. This is why my family has established an endowment to support SPH students now and into the future.



JANE LEE QUEHRN, MPH

UW SPH Alumna and Supporter

THE TIME TO INVEST IN PUBLIC HEALTH EDUCATION IS NOW

We believe that no one should be priced out of a public health education or the opportunity to advance health at the population scale through a career in public health. By investing in our students through endowed graduate fellowships and undergraduate scholarships, you can shape the future of public health and make a lasting impact.

WE INVITE YOU TO:



Enshrine your legacy by establishing a named, permanent fund in the form of an endowed scholarship or fellowship. These types of funds provide sustainable support to help our students alleviate their debt load, avoid working multiple jobs or leaving the program all together.



Create immediate impact for students by establishing a term fellowship or scholarship. Term funds can be named by the donor and provides immediate support to designated student recipients over a limited time period.



Amplify the impact of existing scholarships and fellowships by making an annual contribution to school or department-level funds designated for student support.



Provide a future gift to support SPH students by establishing an endowment or outright gift through your estate plans.

TOGETHER, WE CAN SHAPE A BETTER FUTURE FOR PUBLIC HEALTH AND THE WORLD.

To support students in the School of Public Health, please contact Megan Ingram, associate dean for advancement at mkingram@uw.edu (206) 616-7197 or donate online at: <https://sph.washington.edu/giving>

