Global Health Sciences PhD

The PhD in Global Health Sciences is a transdisciplinary program that prepares students to work in and contribute to the field of global health by providing a range of perspectives on global health challenges and their solutions. Students are trained in research methods and modes of inquiry drawn from public health, public policy, economics, development studies, implementation science, and the social sciences to prepare them to address health problems of global importance.

The PhD program is structured as a four-year degree. Students spend the first two years in residence at the UCSF Mission Bay campus engaged in coursework, research rotations, and teaching residencies. After completing the core curriculum and passing the qualifying examination, students spend the next two years focused on conducting their dissertation research and engaging in other research and professional growth activities under the guidance of research advisers and faculty mentors.

Graduates are equipped for careers in academia, policy, and organizational leadership. The aim of the PhD program is to prepare the next generation of researchers and leaders in the field of global health.

The UCSF Institute for Global Health Sciences (IGHS) was established in 2003 by Haile T. Debaz to provide institutional leadership for global health at UCSF. Reporting directly to the chancellor, IGHS is an interdisciplinary educational, research and service organization dedicated to improving health and reducing the burden of disease in the world's most vulnerable populations. Note that IGHS also offers a Master of Science in Global Health.

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An extensive network of faculty, researchers, and global health practitioners works with IGHS to teach, advise, and mentor students in the PhD program. Many of the faculty and mentors in the PhD core faculty group and IGHS Faculty Affiliate Program are leaders in their fields and come from UCSF's four professional schools (medicine, pharmacy, dentistry and nursing) and the Graduate Division, as well as from other UC campuses, Bay Area universities, and the wider global health community.

The IGHS education program office is located at the UCSF Mission Bay campus. Visit the program website for more information.
The Global Health Sciences PhD program is offered by the UCSF Graduate Division. Programs at the Institute for Global Health Sciences (IGHS), unlike other programs at UCSF, are not administered by any of the UCSF Schools; IGHS reports directly to the chancellor. Faculty members from all UCSF Schools and many departments deliver the IGHS courses.