

In November 2019, Drexel University officially became an Age-friendly University, the first institution in Philadelphia to join the Age-friendly Global Network. An age-friendly university embodies 10 principles, which together lay out how a college or university can prepare for the future and meet the needs of students, faculty and people of all ages. Drexel joins more than 60 institutions worldwide that have signed on to this exciting initiative.



## Our Vision

Through engaging and building on the strengths of individuals as they age, faculty, staff, alumni, and students can transform Drexel into a place for lifelong learning.

Drexel has the opportunity to reimagine its approach to teaching, scholarship and education and create an environment that disrupts ageism, embraces people of all ages, fosters intergenerational connectivity, and innovates through age-related research from the cellular to the societal levels.

## Age-Friendly in Action

**Drexel University's Age-Friendly efforts already include:**

- The AgeWell Collaboratory (and its Student Network), the College of Nursing and Health Professions' center without walls, led by Dr. Laura N. Gitlin, to promote healthy aging in partnership with >70 community-based organizations and interprofessional approaches to research, education and practice;
  - The Cell<sub>2</sub>Society Aging Research Network, a Drexel Area of Research Excellence Grant, led by Dr. DiMaria-Ghalili in collaboration with 42 researchers across the University;
  - The Goodwin College of Professional Studies' AgeWell Academy for older adults and professionals in the aging network;
  - The University Advisory Committee on Access, evaluating online and built environment accessibility;
  - The Dornsife Center for Neighborhood Partnerships, programs focusing on older adults in West Philadelphia;
  - Aging-related International Courses Abroad & Co-ops;
- ...And more!



**Learn More:** E-mail [agewell@drexel.edu](mailto:agewell@drexel.edu), follow the AgeWell Collaboratory on Facebook, or visit <https://drexel.edu/cnhp/research/centers/agewell/>

## Why it matters!

- The aging of the US population means that by 2030, 20% of our population will be 65+, and older people will outnumber children for the first time in our history.
- We now live longer and with better health. This affords opportunities to prepare students to be life-long learners and provide individuals with educational opportunities across their life course.
- Involving more age-diverse students creates intergenerational classrooms and provides richer learning experiences for students of all ages.
- Our alumni are working longer, searching for encore careers, and seeking opportunities to fill skills gaps so they can rejoin or stay in a rapidly changing work force.



## Drexel Students

Percent of Undergraduate Students  
over 50 years old\*\*

US: 4% DREXEL: 1%

Percent of Graduate Students  
over 50 years old\*\*

US: 7% DREXEL: 5%



## Drexel Faculty, Staff & Alumni at a Glance

Percent over 50 years old\*\*

FACULTY: 54% STAFF: 36% ALUMNI: 40%

## Supporting Drexel

The Baby Boom generation (born between 1944 and 1964) is expected to transfer \$30 trillion in wealth during the next three decades.



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DREXEL MAJOR DONOR

## GET INVOLVED!

### Stay connected!

Network at an AgeWell  
Collaboratory Organizational  
Partner Meeting-  
agewell@drexel.edu



### Learn More!

Schedule a time for us to  
present about Age-Friendly  
Drexel to your colleagues or  
class- agewell@drexel.edu



### Take Action!

Volunteer to serve older adults  
through the Lindy Center-  
lindycenter@drexel.edu

Join the Cell<sub>2</sub>Society  
Aging Research Network  
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\* <https://www.census.gov/newsroom/press-releases/2018/cb18-41-population-projections.html>

\*\*Data Source: Human Resources (staff), Institutional Research (faculty), and Alumni Relations (alumni)

