The Dornsife School of Public Health (DSPH) invites applications for the position of Chair and Professor in the Department of Community Health and Prevention (CHP). We seek an exceptional leader and scholar to guide the department’s expanding research portfolio and to advance its educational programs. Candidates must have an outstanding record of scholarship and demonstrated success building a program of externally funded research as well as dedication to and experience in teaching and mentorship in community health, global health, minority health, health disparities, health ethics, or related areas.

Competitive candidates will be expected to demonstrate their potential to successfully manage a robust and multidisciplinary academic department. CHP faculty bring in research funding from a wide range of sources. The department currently has 47 active grants from funders like NIH, Philadelphia Department of Public Health, and various multilateral agencies and foundations, which cover research activities here in Philadelphia, the United States, as well as in 40 other countries. The Chair will advance the department’s mission by expanding research activities, attracting and mentoring quality faculty, further building the educational programs, managing operations, and providing leadership within the school and university. Required qualifications are PhD, DrPH, MD or equivalent degrees and professional status and scholarship appropriate for a tenured professor.

CHP has 21 full time faculty and offers an MPH in Community Health and Prevention; an Online Master of Public Health and Master of Science in Global Health; and a Doctor of Philosophy in Community Health and Prevention. It also offers minors in Arts and Community Health, Global Health, Latinx/Immigrant Health, LGBT Health, Maternal and Child Health, Program Monitoring and Evaluation, Public Health Ethics and History, and Substance Abuse and Misuse, in addition to certificates in LGBT Health and Maternal and Child Health. It is home to the Council on Black Health, the Medical Cannabis Research Center, the Jonathan Mann Global Health and Human Rights Initiative, and a Health Services Research Administration Maternal and Child Health Bureau Catalyst Program. Our faculty, staff and students are also active contributors to other important centers at DSPH, including the Urban Health Collaborative and the Ubuntu Center on Racism, Global Movements and Population Health Equity (launching fall 2021).
DSPH is the top ranked public health school in Philadelphia and is ranked among the top 25 schools nationwide. As an urban school of public health with a diverse student body, DSPH has a unique commitment to public health practice and experiential learning. Founded on the principle of health as a human right, DSPH focuses on many public health areas but has a special commitment to improving health in cities, eliminating health inequities, and translating evidence into action. DSPH strives to build and nurture an institutional culture where inclusiveness across race, gender, sexual orientation, age, social class, immigrant status and ability, is a core value and where difference is respected. We view diversity and inclusion as critical to our mission and work. As part of a recent new $9 million gift from Dana and David Dornsife, DSPH will be launching the Ubuntu Center on Racism, Global Movements and Population Health Equity this fall and recruiting additional faculty with expertise and focus in the area on racism and health equity.

An academically comprehensive and globally engaged private research university, Drexel is dedicated to advancing knowledge and society and to providing every student with a valuable, rigorous, experiential education. The University’s goal to become “the most civically engaged university in America” drives its work with the City of Philadelphia and diverse community partners. The city of Philadelphia is known for its arts and culture and is home to Fairmount Park, the largest landscaped urban park in the world. Philadelphia is a city of neighborhoods and ranked as the fifth most walkable major city in the United States.

Drexel University is an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer. DSPH is especially interested in qualified candidates who can contribute to the diversity and excellence of our academic community. Interested candidates should submit a cover letter describing relevant experience and goals and curriculum vitae to Diane Benckert (db33@drexel.edu). Confidential informal queries to search committee co-chairs Alex Ezeh (ace86@drexel.edu) and Ali Groves (akg68@drexel.edu) or to Dean Ana V. Diez Roux (avd37@drexel.edu) are also welcome. Applications will be accepted until a successful candidate has been identified.