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STUDENT LIFE

Dornsife doctoral students come from many parts of the United States and from different cultures all over the world. Dornsife students bring their experiences, ambitions, and life stories to Dornsife where they can create a unique identity and provide a vital impact by making a meaningful difference.

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Financial Support

Full-time students with research fellowships receive access to faculty, coursework, and resources across Drexel’s 15 schools and colleges. Dornsife sits within a top-tier research university, providing a dynamic university experience and a favorable faculty-to-student ratio. Dornsife offers a Doctor of Public Health (DrPH) degree program and five Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) degree programs.

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The PhD in Biostatistics

Students develop an expertise in biostatistics and research methods and apply them to public health problems. Students gain a broad-based, systems understanding of public health scholarship related to the social, cultural, and behavioral determinants of health and illness and the ability to conduct original research in the field of public health.

The PhD in Community Health and Prevention

Students learn to design intervention studies, develop study protocols, conduct research, and apply research principles to the development of evidence-based practice and occupational health policies. Students are taught to develop and answer highly meaningful research questions, train scientists to conduct research that can improve the health and well-being of populations through public health and medical interventions.

The PhD in Epidemiology

Students develop the skills and knowledge to develop scientific research methods and apply them to public health questions. Students learn to apply the science of epidemiology to answer highly meaningful research questions and influence the health and well-being of populations.

The PhD in Health Services Research & Policy

Students learn to develop and design research projects that identify and remove barriers to the availability of healthcare services and public health policies. Students learn to evaluate the impact of biomedical, behavioral, or policy interventions in the United States. Students develop the skills and knowledge to conduct research that can improve the health and well-being of populations.

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The PhD in Biostatistics trains researchers to develop new statistical theory and methods to be applied in biomedical sciences and to new applications in public health, business, and engineering. Biostatisticians are a mix of theoretical experts and skilled applied researchers working in biostatistics, biometrics, medical decision making, and epidemiology.

The PhD in Environmental Health and Prevention

The PhD in Environmental Health and Prevention prepares students to plan and implement social, organizational, and systems change to prevent disease and improve health and health equity. Students have the opportunity to specialize in a range of environmental epidemiology, injury prevention, occupational health and safety, industrial hygiene, and public health practice.

The PhD in Epidemiology

The PhD in Epidemiology prepares graduates to use the science of public health to prevent and control highly meaningful and public health consequences. Students develop skills in public health research and research paradigms to the social and behavioral determinants of health and the ability to conduct original research relevant to the public’s health.

The PhD in Evaluation Research and Policy

The PhD in Evaluation Research and Policy prepares students to plan and conduct systematic and rigorous research that addresses public health questions. The program emphasizes the development of research and evaluation skills needed to pursue advanced, scientifically rigorous research to benefit the public.

**STUDENT LIFE**

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**DREXEL’S PUBLIC HEALTH DOCTORAL STUDENTS ADVISORY GROUP (PHDSAG)**

A student group of Drexel doctoral public health students, partnering with administrators, school leaders, faculty members, and the public health research and practicitioners in the community.

**FUNDING AND SUPPORT**

In general, doctoral students finance their education through a variety of sources. Prior to beginning the program, doctoral students are strongly encouraged to stay within their financial means. Drexel provides financial support for PhD students through research, teaching, or fellowships. By applying early and to as many funding opportunities as available, students have the best opportunity to finance their education.

**YOUR FUTURE**

Drexel Dornsife prepares doctoral students to lead in public health science, researchers, educators and professionals in a variety of public and private organizations, policy and service settings both in the United States and globally.

**APPLY NOW**

PhD students must apply online. Students are encouraged to attend an orientation after the acceptance letter to discuss the application process and time line. The Dornsife degree programs select students for admission on the basis of academic excellence, personal achievement, and professional potential.

Prospective doctoral students are typically admitted in the fall. Students can expect to begin their degree either in May or August. The deadline to apply is December 15.
WHAT MAKES DORNSIFE’S DOCTORAL PUBLIC HEALTH PROGRAMS UNIQUE?

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Benefits of Dornsife’s doctoral public health programs include:

- Research Opportunities
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Dornsife’s public health doctoral students are an important part of our school. They participate in professional development and academic activities, and they are actively engaged in the research and teaching activities of the school.

Programs

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DRPH IN HEALTH AND PREVENTION

The DRPH in Health and Prevention prepares students to take leadership in public health practice, policy, and research. The program focuses on the integration of public health practice, policy, and research to improve population health outcomes.

PHD IN BIOSTATISTICS

The PhD in Biostatistics prepares students to develop statistical methods and apply them in real-world settings. The program provides a strong foundation in statistical theory and methodology, along with opportunities to collaborate with researchers in various fields.

PHD IN COMMUNITY HEALTH AND PREVENTION

The PhD in Community Health and Prevention prepares students to conduct research in areas such as health promotion, health behavior, and health policy. The program provides a strong foundation in the social determinants of health and the ability to conduct original research to improve the public’s health.

PHD IN EPIDEMIOLOGY AND COMMUNITY HEALTH

The PhD in Epidemiology and Community Health prepares students to conduct research in areas such as infectious diseases, chronic diseases, and environmental health. The program provides a strong foundation in the statistical methods and applications for research in these areas.

PHD IN ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

The PhD in Environmental Health prepares students to conduct research in areas such as environmental exposure, environmental health, and environmental policy. The program provides a strong foundation in the scientific methods and applications for research in these areas.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

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In general, doctoral students finance their education through a variety of sources. Students rely on fellowships to support living expenses, and most students in the community.

RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES

Dornsife doctoral programs select students for admission based on prior academic achievement and potential for making a meaningful impact in the field of public health.

APPLY NOW

The deadline for applications is October 15. Applicants are encouraged to submit applications as soon as possible, and interviews will be conducted on a rolling basis.

Doctoral students seeking admission to the PhD programs must apply online and pay the application fee. The deadline for applications is October 15. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis, with a deadline of December 15.

Prospective doctoral students are strongly encouraged to contact the admissions office at least six months in advance of the deadline to discuss their plans and determine if they are a good fit for Dornsife.

Students interested in applying for assistantships or fellowships should apply online and submit a letter of recommendation. The deadline for applications is October 15.

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Drexel University’s location to be “the most socially engaged university in America” fuels the Dornsife School of Public Health’s focus on training scholars to advance public health. The school supports the mission of building a stronger community through training professionals and offering students meaningful research and leadership opportunities.

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- Curriculum: In-depth learning is available in a variety of disciplines, including health economics, health policy, and epidemiology.
- Tuition: Dornsife offers full tuition, stipend, and other financial support to eligible students.
- Student Affairs: The Dornsife School of Public Health provides comprehensive support for students, including career services and student life resources.

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- Student life: Dornsife supports students in being successful in their personal, academic, and professional growth, which is not easy everywhere!
- "I was struck by how accessible and personalized the faculty was" at Dornsife. "Everyone at Dornsife is truly committed to student success and professional growth, which is not true everywhere!"

APPLY NOW

To apply, students should submit an online application, official transcripts, letters of recommendation, and other required items. Applications are reviewed on a rolling basis and typically close in February and are given until April 15 to make their decisions.

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