Public Health addresses complex issues that threaten the vibrancy and wellness of our communities: the obesity epidemic, climate change, substance abuse, environmental exposures and public policies such as the Affordable Care Act all have critical impacts on human health. The University of Maryland School of Public Health approaches these and other key issues through an interdisciplinary lens to reduce risk and promote health equity.

Ranked 22nd among all schools of public health by U.S. News & World Report in 2015, our school is a dynamic and growing school located at one of the nation’s top-ranked public research universities. Our vision is to be a leader in the discovery, application, and dissemination of public health knowledge in the state of Maryland, the nation, and the world.

With more than 2,300 students in 26 different academic programs, our School of Public Health prepares students to tackle longstanding and emerging public health issues and make meaningful contributions to the health and welfare of individuals and society. While many schools of public health in the country are limited to graduate education, our large and diverse undergraduate student body brings energy and unique perspectives to our school, and contributes to our initiatives and commitment to advance a better state of health in Maryland and beyond.

More than 130 faculty members in six academic units – Behavioral and Community Health; Epidemiology and Biostatistics; Family Science; Health Services Administration; Kinesiology; and Environmental Health – conduct research, teach and mentor students and partner with communities to promote health, prevent illness and injury, advance health equity and create policies designed to enhance health across the lifespan.
THE RESEARCH
Faculty and students are involved in a broad range of scientific endeavors that advance knowledge through basic and applied research aimed at understanding and enhancing health and well-being across the lifespan. With a strong emphasis on promoting health equity and justice, many of our programs involve community-based participatory research and translational investigations, leading to appropriate and timely dissemination of research findings into practice for the community, individuals and for health care settings. Among our many research initiatives, we are home to the Herschel S. Horowitz Center for Health Literacy, the nation’s first academic center devoted to health literacy; the Center on Young Adult Health and Development, a leading NIH-funded center focused on understanding health risk behaviors among young adults; and the Maryland Center for Health Equity (an NIH Center of Excellence). Research funding for the school in FY2014 totaled $14 million.

THE ACADEMIC PROGRAMS
Our academic programs provide unmatched opportunities to work across disciplines and prepare students for careers in public health research or practice. Our students learn from award-winning teachers and mentors, and benefit from unparalleled access to unique research and internship opportunities.

GRADUATE DEGREE PROGRAMS
Master of Arts
  Kinesiology
Master of Public Health:
  Concentrations include:
  Behavioral and Community Health, Biostatistics, Epidemiology, Environmental Health Sciences, Health Equity (pending approval), Health Policy Analysis and Evaluation (pending approval), Physical Activity, Public Health Practice and Policy
Master of Health Administration
Master of Science
  Couple and Family Therapy
Doctor of Philosophy
  Programs in Behavioral and Community Health, Epidemiology, Family Science, Maternal and Child Health, Health Services, Kinesiology, Toxicology and Environmental Health

POST-BACCALAUREATE CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS
  Global Health
  Gerontology
  Principles of Public Health

UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE PROGRAMS
The school offers Bachelor of Science degrees in Community Health, Family Science, Kinesiology and Public Health Science (offered on both the College Park and Shady Grove campuses).

THE UNIVERSITY
A global leader in research, entrepreneurship and innovation, Maryland is ranked No. 21 among public universities by U.S. News & World Report and No. 14 among public universities by Forbes. The Institute of Higher Education, which ranks the world’s top universities based on research, puts Maryland at No. 38 in the world, No. 29 nationally and No. 13 among U.S. public research institutions. Located “inside the beltway” just minutes from the nation’s capital, the University of Maryland, College Park campus provides unparalleled access to unique opportunities for internships and research experiences in public health, including placements at the National Institutes of Health (NIH), the CDC Washington Office, other agencies and offices in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Children’s National Medical Center, the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, and many other national, state, and local health agencies. In addition to being a vibrant hub of research and policy, the D.C. area’s rich and diverse culture make it an especially lively, friendly, and accessible community where students, faculty and staff can thrive professionally and personally.