UC San Francisco scientists, staff and students are working in virtually every region of the world in pursuit of UCSF’s mission: advancing health worldwide.™ Global Health Sciences (GHS) translates UCSF’s scientific leadership into programs that positively impact health and reduce inequities globally.

Our faculty—experts in research, implementation, education and policy development—work alongside partners, including ministries of health in many developing countries, to support the prevention, treatment, and elimination interventions for conditions that cause significant health burdens among the underserved. We integrate UCSF’s strengths in the basic sciences and clinical care to reduce suffering from HIV/AIDS, malaria, maternal mortality, preterm birth, neglected infectious diseases, and other devastating conditions.

GHS is at the forefront of educating and training the next generation of global health leaders, with the nation’s first Master of Science in Global Health program and the Pathway to Discovery in Global Health program, which trains professional students, residents, and postdocs for careers in global health.

Founded in 2003 as an academic program reporting directly to the UCSF Chancellor, GHS comprises the Global Health Group, the Prevention & Public Health Group, and the AIDS Research Institute. We also partner with other units at UCSF who are active in global health, such as the Bixby Center for Global Reproductive Health.

UCSF, now celebrating the 150th anniversary of its founding, is a leading university dedicated to promoting health worldwide through advanced biomedical research, graduate-level education in the life sciences and health professions, and excellence in patient care. It includes top-ranked graduate schools of dentistry, medicine, nursing and pharmacy, a graduate division with nationally renowned programs in basic, biomedical, translational and population sciences, as well as a preeminent biomedical research enterprise and two top-ranked hospitals, UCSF Medical Center and UCSF Benioff Children’s Hospital San Francisco.

Facts & Figures

Founded: August 1, 2003 by Haile T. Debas
Executive Director: Jaime Sepulveda
# of faculty & staff: 292
# of current students & trainees: 76
# of alumni:
  Master of Science in Global Health: 163
  Pathway to Discovery: 248
  Complex Humanitarian Emergency Training: 353
Funding: $50,992,247* (80% from sponsored projects)
# of countries in which GHS works: 50
# of countries in which UCSF works: 119
# of UCSF investigators working globally: 441

UCSF rankings in NIH research funds:
  #1 HIV and malaria
  #2 Emerging infectious disease
  #4 Tuberculosis

Major areas of focus:
  Evidence to policy
  HIV/AIDS
  Immunization
  Malaria elimination
  Maternal & child health
  Neglected infectious diseases
  Preterm birth
  Private sector healthcare
  Tuberculosis

*Funding total includes the AIDS Research Institute and covers the fund year 7/1/13–6/30/14.
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