About us

The Institute for Global Health Sciences (IGHS) is both a pioneer and an innovator in academic global health, with a deep commitment to improving the health of marginalized communities. Our vision is to improve health and reduce inequities locally and globally. Our mission is to solve global health problems so that people can live healthy, productive lives. We work by:

- Applying high-quality scientific evidence to inform health policies and practices;
- Training future leaders in global health; and
- Building the capacity of our implementing partners.

Learn more at globalhealthsciences.ucsf.edu

Research

IGHS is organized by our wide array of research expertise. In addition to our education programs, we have seven centers and an Affiliate Program.

Our centers
- Center for Global Health Delivery, Diplomacy and Economics
- Center for Global Infectious and Parasitic Diseases
- Center for Global Maternal, Newborn and Child Health
- Center for Global Nursing
- Center for Health Equity in Surgery and Anesthesia
- Center for Pandemic Preparedness and Response
- Center for Global Strategic Information and Public Health Practice

Our areas of expertise
- Clinical excellence and training
- Data and informatics
- Innovation and research
- Policy, advocacy and diplomacy
- Strengthening health systems
- Workforce development

Education

Educating the next generation of global health leaders is central to the mission of IGHS. We provide interdisciplinary coursework, research training and invaluable field experiences for our students. IGHS collaborates with faculty in UCSF’s Schools of Medicine, Dentistry, Nursing and Pharmacy and the Graduate Division to teach in our programs. We also partner with other institutions and international organizations to design programs for specific needs and locations.

Our current programs
- MS in global health
- PhD in global health
- Summer Researchers in Global Health (for high school students)
- Global Health Curriculum Bootcamp (for high school teachers)
- Global Scholars
- Hard-to-Reach Populations Training Program
Facts and figures

- **Executive Director:** Payam Nahid, MD, MPH
- **FY 2023 funding:** $94 million (92% from sponsored projects)
- **50+** countries where we have conducted or are actively doing research
- **370+** employees: faculty, non-faculty academics, staff, post-docs, interns and graduate student researchers
- **41** core faculty
- **6** employees working abroad in **5** countries (Jamaica, Kenya, Laos, Tanzania, Uganda)
- **380+** affiliated faculty in UCSF Schools of Dentistry, Medicine, Nursing and Pharmacy

92% of our $94M funding is from sponsored projects

The other 8% is funding from gifts, endowments, campus and core funds, tuition and fees and indirect cost recovery

We work in Africa, the Americas, Asia, Australia and Europe

Left: data collector training Tanzania; middle: master’s student in Roatan talking with pediatric nurses as part of her research project; right: healthcare worker and microscopist in a village in Indonesia testing for malaria.

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