

Master of Science in Global Health Commencement Ceremony

Thursday, July 24, 2025

11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

UCSF Mission Bay Campus
Genentech Hall, Byers Auditorium



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Global Health
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Program

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Land Acknowledgment

Jemzi Ortiz, MS

Welcome and Opening Remarks

Chris Carpenter, MD, MPH

Program Director, Master of Science in Global Health

Presentation of Awards

Alden Blair, PhD, MSc

Associate Program Director, Master of Science in Global Health

Keynote Speech with Charge to Graduates

Fredros Okumu, PhD, MSc, MBA

Professor of Vector Biology, University of Glasgow, Scotland

Presentation of Graduates

Darlene Mergillano Nguyen, MS

Graduate Affairs Officer, Master of Science in Global Health

Hooding of Graduates

Alden Blair

Ingrid Chen, PhD, MS

Associate Program Director, Master of Science in Global Health

Closing Remarks

Chris Carpenter

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Class Photo

Front steps of Genentech Hall

Reception

First floor atrium, Genentech Hall

2025 Graduates

Maryam Shuja Abed

Gisselle Covarrubias Llamas

Jill Curran

Lea El Rassi

Sahar ElRayah

Alyanna Isabel Fenol

Chris Harper

Katherine Horvath

Sydney Howell

Meera Kaur Khaira

Zeena Khazendar

Eric Kraybill

Anthony Li

Günter Lugo

Meghana Mazumdar

Ellen Nguyen

Edinna Obaseki

Alexis Ortiz

Madeline Pechilis

James Roake

Trisha Sengupta

Tyler Stepaniak

Tammy Le Van

Kaylee Vannoy

Yun-Ting Wang

Emily Nicole Whalen

Eric Wong

Mehrdad Yadegari

Qihua Zhang

Keynote Speaker

Fredros Okumu, PhD, MSc, MBA
School of Biodiversity, One Health and
Veterinary Sciences, University of
Glasgow, Scotland

Fredros Okumu is a professor of Vector Biology at the School of Biodiversity, One Health and Veterinary Sciences at the University of Glasgow, Scotland. He is a public-health researcher and mosquito biologist working on the surveillance and control of vector-borne diseases. He is a former director of science at the Ifakara Health Institute, in Tanzania, where he continues to run an active research program with multiple partners and students. He sits on the WHO Malaria Policy Advisory Group, the Gates Foundation's Malaria Strategic Advisory Panel, and the Scientific Advisory Board of the Malaria Elimination Initiative here at UCSF.

Originally trained as a public health officer at Moi University College of Health Sciences, he subsequently earned a Master of Science in Applied Parasitology at the University of Nairobi, Kenya and a second Master's in Geo-Information Sciences, Earth Observation and Environmental Modelling at Lund University, Sweden. He then earned a PhD in Infectious Diseases from the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. Lastly, he received an MBA in International Health Management from the University of Basel and the Swiss Tropical and Public Health Institute.