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82% of graduates who have pursued careers are working in global health

LEARN WITHOUT BOUNDARIES

Our program features small class sizes and a flexible curriculum, allowing you to work closely with your peers through team-based learning as you explore the many factors that influence health. You’ll learn from the world’s most innovative thinkers in global health—faculty who have expertise in medicine, engineering, the environment, public policy, law, business and the humanities.

1:1 MENTORSHIP

from a faculty member who is an expert in your area of interest

COLLABORATIVE CULTURE

Working side-by-side with experts at Duke and in the field, our students hone both research and teamwork skills. And, with a curriculum based on ethical, culturally informed frameworks, our program teaches you how to successfully engage international and local partners to understand the needs of individuals and communities.

You’ll learn how to translate research into practice and evidence into action to create innovative solutions that fit the culture and context of the places we work

COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH

Our students have completed field research in more than 30 countries around the world, including Peru, Tanzania, Sri Lanka and the United States.

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