

Advancing
Improved
Health and
Social Justice
for All

GRADUATE
SCHOOL
OF PUBLIC
HEALTH
& HEALTH
POLICY

Introduction



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Dear Friends,

Launched in 2018, the CUNY SPH Foundation was established to support the mission, vision and values of CUNY SPH as New York City's public school for public health. This mandate prioritizes the three communities of CUNY SPH which we serve through innovative programs, activities, services and initiatives: CUNY SPH's students, the large CUNY system and its 500,000 current and continuous learners, and the city where we live and work—New York.

To support our ambitious agenda, we have raised over 4 million dollars to-date and forged new public-private partnerships to address critical issues facing our three communities. Investments in our work have come from luminary philanthropists who recognize the need to address public health and social justice issues facing our city; respected and historic institutional funders who have chosen to partner with CUNY SPH as a trusted leader in public health and private corporations with a strong commitment to developing the public health workforce.

We have put these funds to work in critical and timely issue areas including emergency relief support to our students facing financial catastrophes and scholarships in new domains of study; preparing our students to be career-ready immediately after they graduate in our new Career Skills Academy; establishing linkages with community health organizations through our cornerstone effort, the Harlem Health Initiative; analyzing and tackling food insecurity amongst CUNY students; and understanding sentiments towards Covid-19 vaccination and building strategies to help communities increase uptake in the vaccine.

We are excited to introduce the Foundation, our visionary partners and leaders, and the programs and funds in place to support the mission, vision, and values of CUNY SPH.

We look forward to partnering with you.

Sincerely,

Ayman El-Mohandes, MBBCH, MD, MPH, FAAP

DEAN

Lyndon Haviland, DRPH, MPH

CHAIR, CUNY SPH FOUNDATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

About CUNY SPH

In New York State
we are ranked *2nd*
out of 12 schools
and programs
of public health.

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CUNY SPH is New York City's public graduate school for public health. The school's world-class faculty and visionary leadership are committed to the mission of advancing social justice and improved health outcomes for all.

Formed in 2016 and now ranked #2 among Public Health Graduate Schools in the Tri State Area by *U.S. News & World Report*, CUNY SPH has quickly established itself as a leading source of public health talent in the most globalized city in the nation.

Vision

To improve health and social justice in New York City and across the globe.

Mission

To promote and sustain healthier populations in New York City and around the world through excellence in education, research, and service in public health and by advocating for sound policy and practice to advance social justice and improve health outcomes for all.

CUNY SPH is preparing a new generation of public health professionals, poised at a historic moment of urgency and opportunity, to deliver world-class expertise to under-resourced communities long damaged by health inequities.

Through teaching, research, and service, CUNY SPH has become a unique incubator of solutions to some of the most complex and urgent urban health issues of our time, ranging from food insecurity to vaccine confidence and access. Dean and global public health trailblazer Dr. Ayman El-Mohandes drives the school's commitment to social equity and its goal to make CUNY SPH tuition-free for all students.

Nationally, we
rank *16th* out of
123 public schools
of public health.

65% of programs/schools
surveyed are public.

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Our Students

Heroic Catalysts for Change in New York and Beyond

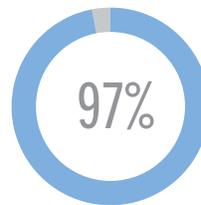


CUNY SPH students come to our campus in Harlem to study public health so that they can go on to better their neighborhoods and our city. Diverse, hard-working, and often breadwinners for their families, CUNY SPH students and graduates are distinguished by their passion for solutions to the health challenges and inequities that many of them have experienced first-hand.

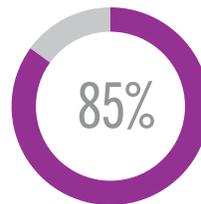
Our students come from predominantly black, brown, and immigrant communities. More than 65% of our students identify as female, and 70% are already working full or part-time with most working in a public health-related role. The vast majority of our students will be the first in their families to receive a graduate degree, and many are first-generation college students and first-generation Americans.

Of our students and alumni who are currently employed, more than 40% are frontline or essential workers. In pursuing Masters or Doctoral degrees in areas such as Epidemiology, Community Health, Health Policy and Management, and Environmental and Occupational Health, our students bring their hands-on experience in a variety of health professions to the classroom and to research and fieldwork projects.

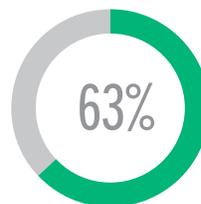
They are inspired and challenged by professors who are renowned in their fields – often on crucial issues such as mental health advocacy, food insecurity, and vaccine distribution – and who have chosen to teach at CUNY SPH for its student-centered philosophy.



Are employed or continuing their education, with 80% of those being engaged directly in the field of public health.



Are from New York, of New York, and for New York. They stay in NYC post-graduation, driving our city forward and defining what a healthy city looks like in this century.



Chose to pursue a degree in public health to work as an advocate for health equity.



Decided to pursue a secondary degree to begin or continue a career in their own communities, serving New York City residents.

The Foundation

The CUNY SPH Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit that works to advance the achievement of CUNY SPH’s mission, vision, and values as New York City’s public school of public health through fundraising, building strategic partnerships and providing services as a champion for the school’s students as they embark on public health careers and its faculty as they work to educate the next generation of public health professionals.

The Foundation raises funds to support the wellbeing of CUNY SPH’s three communities:



CUNY SPH Students

It is our priority to ensure that a graduate education in public health is attainable and accessible for all students. Core initiatives include providing emergency support to alleviate socioeconomic barriers such as short-term financial hardship, and empowering students to make a powerful impact in public health through scholarship, fellowship, networking, and mentorship from top leaders in the public, government, and private sectors.

The CUNY Community

The CUNY system has over 500,000 current and continuous learners. In partnership with Institutes, Centers and Initiatives at CUNY SPH, we build and implement initiatives that promote the public health of the entire CUNY system. We’ve expanded access to remote mental health services, analyzed and expanded food security programming on other campuses, and introduced new fellowships and programs for undergraduates.

New York City

Embedding the values of teaching, research and service into a multi-faceted approach to engage and support the public health needs of key communities within our city is core to our mission. We are supporting neighborhoods struggling with public health inequities and connecting community leaders to resources including our faculty, students and partners.

Visionary Funders & Partners

The Foundation relies on philanthropic gifts and grants to achieve its mission. Through creative public-private partnerships, purpose-driven student support funds, and sponsored programs and activities, we promote public health ventures while also creating new opportunities for our students and alumni.



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Oral health is a critical issue, demanding deeper examination and thoughtful action. I know CUNY SPH is fit for the challenge and am proud to invest in the next generation of New York's public health professionals.

— DR. MICHAEL APA

For Our Students

Making a Graduate Education Accessible to All

Cosmetic dentist and philanthropist Dr. Michael Apa established a \$350,000 scholarship fund focused on the intersection of oral health and population health, enabling the school to expand its educational offerings in this area. His investment supports full scholarships for 10 Apa Scholars to study oral population health and earn an MPH degree within one of the school's four departments.

Helping Public Health Leaders Thrive in their Careers

BNY Mellon granted \$250,000 to the CUNY SPH Foundation to support the launch of an enhanced career services initiative, the Career Skills Academy, which will provide aspiring public health professionals with the skills needed to secure employment and thrive in the workplace.



For the CUNY Community

Holistic Support and Resources for CUNY Students

A two-year, \$500,000 grant from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation launched the Campaign for a Food Secure CUNY (CFS CUNY), a joint initiative of Healthy CUNY and the CUNY Urban Food Policy Institute at CUNY SPH to respond to the increase in hunger and food insecurity resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic.

Uniting CUNY to Eliminate Food Insecurity

The Carroll and Milton Petrie Foundation expanded its support of food security programming at CUNY with a two-year, \$225,000 investment which marked a new partnership between the CUNY SPH Foundation and the CUNY Urban Food Policy Institute for the Healthy CUNY initiative. The investment brings together CUNY faculty, staff, students, and administrators to create a comprehensive plan to make meaningful reductions in food insecurity among CUNY students.

For New York

Promoting COVID-19 Vaccine Literacy and Uptake Across New York

Four philanthropic leaders—The New York Community Trust, Altman Foundation, New York State Health Foundation, and Samuel Freeman Charitable Trust—awarded the CUNY SPH Foundation \$500,000 to establish the New York State Vaccine Education and Adoption Project. Part of the CONVINCENCE USA Initiative at CUNY SPH, the project seeks to better understand vaccine hesitancy and transform vaccine-hesitant New Yorkers into adopters through targeted communications and reliable information.

Bolstering Community Health in Harlem

As a Harlem neighbor located at the intersection of Martin Luther King Boulevard and Malcolm X Avenue, CUNY SPH is committed to providing and enhancing health services to our shared community. The Booth Ferris Foundation granted \$250,000 to support the launch of the Harlem Health Initiative, a collaborative effort for health equity and access with the goal of improving the health and wellbeing of the Harlem community by supporting its existing community-based organizations.

In the Media



NY1

CUNY SPH Dean Ayman El-Mohandes on Covid-19 variants and the vaccine

CUNY SPH Dean Ayman El-Mohandes speaks to NY1 about the rising percentage of new cases of Covid-19 among children, the need to get them vaccinated when possible and protected with masks now, and how variants can mutate among people who are vulnerable/unvaccinated.

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DAILY NEWS

To get kids vaccinated, listen to parents

Persuading parents to get children ages 2-11 vaccinated against COVID-19 by the time school starts in September, and even younger by the end of the year, will be a crucial test of the U.S. public health community in protecting the most vulnerable among us in advance of a potentially grave winter.

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THE HILL

When will we make child dental health a national priority?

As Congress enters the July 4 recess, the debate over the American Families Plan continues on, and questions remain as to how families will pay their bills, support their kids and afford health care. Missing from the discussion, however, is how America has failed children by ignoring the importance of routine pediatric dental care. And the plan to fix it is nowhere to be found.

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GOTHAMIST

Widespread hunger persists even as New York's economy recovers

Last spring, the economic engine of New York City slowed to a near halt and almost immediately, the lines outside food pantries and soup kitchens began to grow. Some 65% more city residents turned to these emergency food resources in 2020 than in 2019.

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Financials

Our Board of Directors and its Finance and Investment Committee and Audit Committee work closely with our leadership and staff, trusted financial experts, and independent auditors to ensure responsible financial management and optimize our ability to advance the mission, vision, and values of CUNY SPH.

View our most recent financials

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Dr. El-Mohandes is a pediatrician, epidemiologist, academician, and established researcher with a deep commitment to public service. He is an active and engaged participant in the growth of the Foundation and serves on the Board as Voting Member Ex-Officio.

Adam Doyno, MPA, CFRE
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Adam is a fundraising practitioner and nonprofit leader. He is the inaugural Director of Development at CUNY SPH and founding Executive Director of the CUNY SPH Foundation. In addition to all oversight of the foundation's daily activities, Adam is also a member ex-officio of the Board of Directors.

Cara Flynn
DEVELOPMENT MANAGER

Cara has been a development professional since 2013. Cara focuses on board candidate identification and research and sourcing new funding opportunities from foundations, corporations and individuals for scholarship/fellowship, the Career Skills Academy, the Harlem Health Initiative and more.

Brianna Lee
DEVELOPMENT OPERATIONS MANAGER

Brianna joined CUNY SPH from the development office at the Mount Sinai Health System and the University of Pennsylvania. As a development operations professional, she is responsible for the oversight of business operations to ensure effective grant implementation and engaging alumni in the development process.



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