

# Student Resiliency Fund

PREMIER PARTNER



# No financial crisis will ever stop aspiring public health professionals from completing their education at CUNY SPH



Students come to CUNY SPH with a passion to contribute meaningfully to our city and region. They are often working heads of households, immigrants or first-generation graduate students who are shouldering responsibilities and pushing through economic obstacles to be here.

In 2020 the CUNY SPH Foundation created the Student Emergency Fund, pledging to prevent students from having to abandon their academic dreams due to episodic financial struggles—including food, housing or income insecurity. The Fund’s focus widened during the pandemic to become the Student Resiliency Fund, which broadened its mandate to support students who are working to get their degrees in the face of short-term and ongoing financial barriers.

## THE FUND INCLUDES

- › **Emergency grants** for students to overcome time-sensitive financial crises
- › **Continuing scholarships** for students facing ongoing hardship which is preventing them from affording their tuition
- › **Tuition debt relief** for students who completed their degree but could not obtain their diploma due to a lingering balance on their account

With our mission of civic justice and equitable public health as our guide, our commitment to student success is unwavering. The Student Resiliency Fund is an investment in the future of our students, our school and our city. From matriculation to graduation and beyond, we are determined to make sure our students achieve their fullest potential regardless of monetary constraints.

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“ I was deeply touched by the degree of care and consideration provided by CUNY SPH during an extremely difficult time. The financial support that I received proved to me that public health equity is not just a theoretical ideal at CUNY SPH, but something that my school is willing to dig deep on every level to help realize.

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The Fund is led by **Dr. Lynn Roberts**, Associate Dean for Student Affairs and Alumni Relations and staffed by a cohort of hyper-responsive CUNY SPH staff members who represent the demographic makeup of CUNY SPH students. Requests for emergency support are responded to within 24 hours and all students are referred for additional wraparound services.



## Resiliency Impact Since 2020

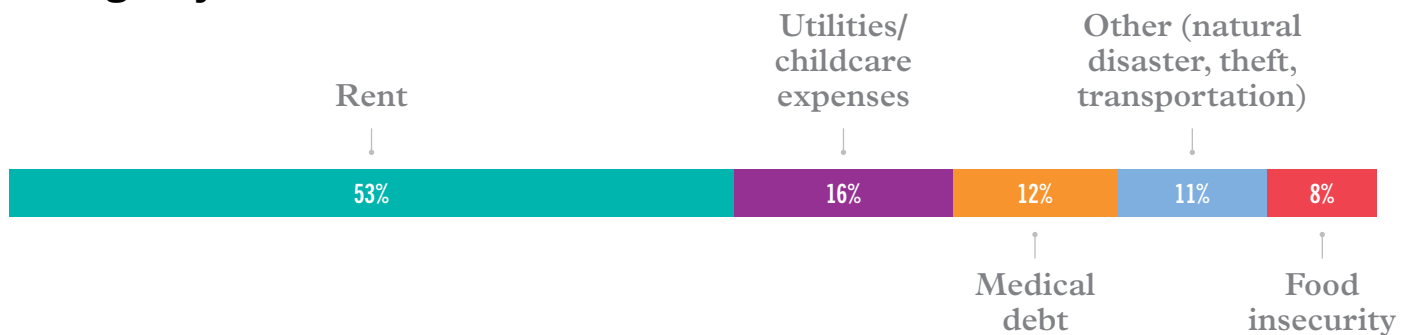
Resolved over **\$143,000** in emergencies

Grants provided to **131** students

**\$50,000** in scholarships distributed

Over **\$48,000** in tuition debt relief granted

## Emergency Grants Focus Areas



## Past significant supporters

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Dr. Richard Park



CUNY SPH Foundation Annual Fund Donors

# About CUNY SPH Students

The CUNY SPH student body is made up of a remarkable group of individuals who are seeking to improve their homes, neighborhoods, city, and country.

**77%** are women

**73%** are 35 years old or younger

**65%** are from underrepresented races and ethnicities in public health



Our students are frequently the head of a household, a working parent, a first-generation graduate student, and either a recent immigrant or the child of immigrants.

**65%** of students are employed while pursuing their degree

**2.5-year** average for a master's student to complete their education



Our students are from, of, and for New York City—an investment in their success is an investment in our city's public health.

**95%** are fully employed within public health or continuing their education within 6 months of graduation

**90%** remain in New York after completing their degree



## About CUNY SPH and the CUNY SPH Foundation

Launched in 2016 as the 24th independent school within the City University of New York, the CUNY Graduate School of Public Health and Health Policy (CUNY SPH) is committed to excellence in teaching, research, and service in the field of public health. The school's mission is 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 continues to rank among the top graduate

schools of public health in the *U.S. News & World Report's* national rankings. The school ranks among the top 15 percent nationwide and is rated the number one best public school of public health in both New York City and New York State and is tied with Rutgers as the best in the tri-state area.

The CUNY SPH Foundation is an independent 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Its mission is 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 serves three communities of the school—its students, the broader CUNY system of 25 institutions of higher learning serving 500,000+ current and continuous learners, and the public health of the city and state where we live and work.

# Give Strength to Students in their Moment of Need

The CUNY SPH Foundation is inviting a partner to become the Presenting Sponsor of the Student Resiliency Fund. Benefits for the Presenting Sponsor include:

## MARKETING

- › Logo listing as “Presented by...” on digital and print collateral related to the Student Resiliency Fund
- › Branding on the CUNY SPH Foundation website
- › Press release announcing our partnership featuring key quotes from organizational leadership
- › One-page article in the school’s annual report including key quotes on your organization’s leadership
- › Annual summary of impact with student stories for use in annual reports, corporate social responsibility messaging, and other high touch materials

## EXPERIENCE

- › Invitation for three organization representatives to a private dinner with the Dean, Dean of Students, and senior school leadership for a private update on the state of public health in New York City
- › Invitation for one senior leader to present in the school’s Career Skills Academy, a soft skills development program for students to accelerate their career preparedness

We are seeking a public health-minded partner to be our exclusive sponsor of the 2024 CUNY SPH Student Resiliency Fund with a fully tax-deductible gift of \$25,000.

**Please consider joining us and contact [adam.doyno@sph.cuny.edu](mailto:adam.doyno@sph.cuny.edu) to learn more.**



“ In June 2021 my employment authorization expired as my renewal application for Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) was delayed by bureaucratic processing backlogs. I fell out of status and lost my job for two months. With support from the Resiliency Fund at CUNY SPH, I completed my first year of graduate school with a 3.962 GPA and gained valuable experience as a Research Associate.