



DREXEL UNIVERSITY  
**Dornsife**  
School of Public Health

# URBAN FOCUS. GLOBAL IMPACT.





*Health and human rights, and dignity are inextricably connected. ... Societal factors are the major determinants of health.*

- Jonathan Mann, MD, MPH, Founder, Dornsife School of Public Health

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**WE MUST PUT OUR INTELLECTUAL CAPITAL IN SERVICE OF A SOCIETY FACING GREAT CHALLENGES.**



**John A. Fry**  
President, Drexel University



**Drexel Dornsife is the first accredited school of Public Health in Philadelphia.**

# AT THE CENTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH PRACTICE



**“ I WAS ABLE TO DO SUCH A BROAD RANGE OF THINGS AT DORNSIFE — IT’S THE PERFECT ENVIRONMENT TO STUDY LOCAL AND COMMUNITY HEALTH, RESEARCH, AND GLOBAL HEALTH.**

**Velton Showall**  
MPH '18, Epidemiology, Global Health

The Drexel Dornsife School of Public Health prepares ambitious public health professionals, advocates, and researchers to fight for the health and human rights of the world’s growing urban populations — and use the insights and innovations to benefit communities of all types across the nation and around the world. Our work is grounded in advocacy and rooted in our founding principle: Health is a human right and social justice is a critical part of achieving health for all.

*Drexel Dornsife’s experiential, multidisciplinary approach to public health places students at the center of real-world experiences, taking them beyond the classroom and the lab to learn how to protect and promote health every day. Our students gain the expertise needed to translate knowledge and evidence into action in ways that reduce health inequities, while improving overall population health.*

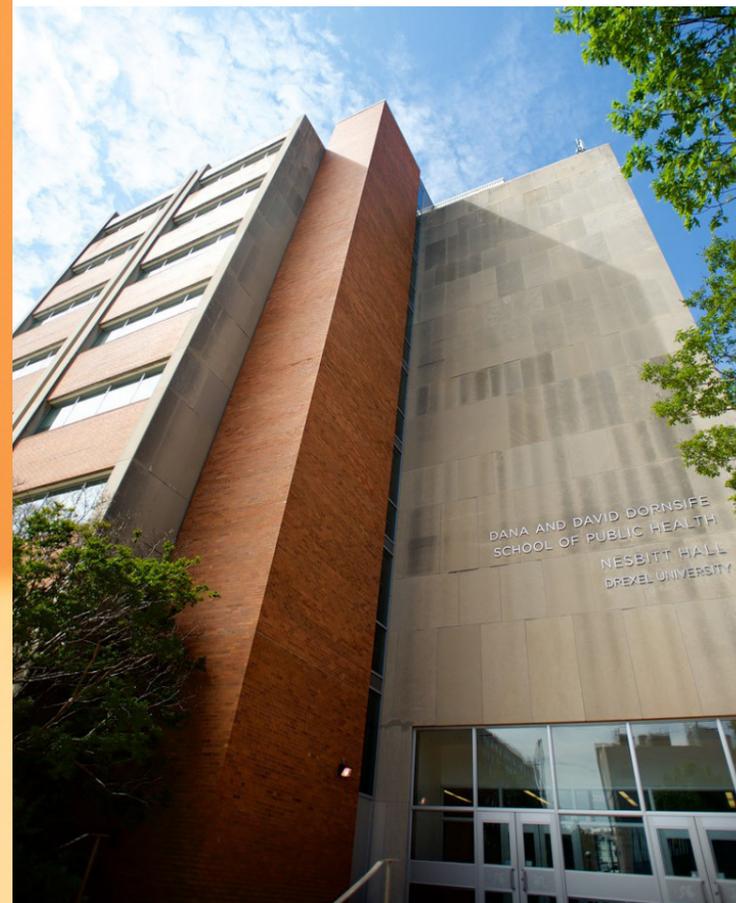
Our extensive relationships and partnerships throughout Philadelphia, as well as our research and practice initiatives, constitute a dynamic, urban learning environment that prepares our students to meet the public health challenges faced by communities both large and small. The Drexel Dornsife faculty are leading scholars in public health who teach, mentor, and advise students to prepare them to make a positive difference in public health nationally and internationally.

At Drexel Dornsife, we combine the most rigorous research and training with a real commitment to fairness, equity, community, and action.

**“ OUR SCHOOL IS COMMITTED TO IMPROVING HEALTH IN CITIES, TO PROMOTING HEALTH EQUITY, AND TO TRANSLATING WHAT WE KNOW INTO PRACTICE AND MEANINGFUL ACTION. WE VALUE THE MOST RIGOROUS SCIENCE, BUT WE ALSO KNOW THAT WE HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY TO USE WHAT WE KNOW TO CREATE MEANINGFUL CHANGE AND PROMOTE HEALTH FOR EVERYONE.**



**Ana V. Diez Roux, MD, PHD, MPH**  
Dean and Distinguished University Professor of Epidemiology





## WHY URBAN HEALTH?

By 2050, more than 65 percent of the world's population will live in cities. This shift in demographics means that cities not only present complex, large-scale health challenges, they offer one-of-a-kind opportunities to translate public health solutions to communities of all sizes.

The varied physical and social environments, diverse populations, range of policymakers and programs, and advanced health care systems found in cities offer public health students and researchers opportunities to learn while making valuable contributions to health in the region. Addressing the problems that develop in urban environments leads to new ways to improve health for city residents, while also applying inventive solutions to public health issues found in suburban and rural communities.

The first fully accredited school of public health in Philadelphia, Drexel Dornsife offers students an unparalleled opportunity to benefit from the School's deep roots in the city and civic engagement. The School has more than 100 partnerships with community-based organizations, health care providers, and policymakers.

Gaining real-life experience is a central part of studying public health, but we ask our students to do more. This shift in demographics means that cities not only present complex, large-scale health challenges, they offer exclusive opportunities to develop public health solutions that can have an impact in communities of all types.

### A NEW APPROACH TO THE MASTER'S IN PUBLIC HEALTH

-  Experience integration and interdisciplinarity from the first days of classes.
-  Design your degree - specialize through a broad range of majors and minors.
-  Develop expertise through extensive opportunities for practice and research.
-  Graduate in only five quarters. Get a head start in the job market.

“THE FLEXIBILITY AND DIVERSITY OF THE DREXEL INTEGRATED EXPERIENCE HAS ALLOWED ME TO FIND MEANINGFUL WORKFORCE EXPERIENCE AT THE INTERSECTION OF CITY PLANNING AND PUBLIC HEALTH.”

Allison Gibson  
MPH '18, Community Health  
and Prevention



# DEGREES & PROGRAMS

*Drawing on more than 25 years of experience in public health, the Drexel Dornsife curriculum allows students to design highly-personalized academic programs across a variety of disciplines. The School offers Bachelor's, Master's and Doctoral degrees in all areas of public health, as well as accelerated, certificate, and online programs, and an executive MPH for busy professionals.*

## UNDERGRADUATE DEGREES

Bachelor of Science in Public Health

Global Public Health Minor

Public Health Minor

## ACCELERATED DEGREES

Bachelor of Arts in Math/Master of Science in Biostatistics (BA/MPH)

Bachelor of Science in Health Services Administration/Master of Public Health (BS/MPH)

Bachelor of Science in Public Health/Master of Public Health (BS/MPH)

## DOCTORAL DEGREES

Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Biostatistics

Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Community Health and Prevention

Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Epidemiology

Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Health Services Research and Policy

Doctor of Public Health (DrPH) in Community Health and Prevention

Doctor of Public Health (DrPH) in Health Management and Policy

## DUAL DEGREES

Doctor of Medicine and Master of Public Health (MD/MPH)

Juris Doctorate and Master of Public Health (JD/MPH)

Master of Business Administration and Master of Public Health (MBA/MPH)

## ONLINE CERTIFICATES

Certificate in Epidemiology and Biostatistics

Certificate in Global Health

Certificate in Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) Health

Certificate in Maternal and Child Health



**“ I WANT TO WORK ON THE GROUND, IN THE COMMUNITY TO IMPROVE PUBLIC HEALTH. I HONESTLY THINK IT WAS THE DREXEL FACULTY AND STAFF THAT HELPED ME FIND MY INTERESTS. THEY MADE TIME FOR ME AND SUPPORTED ME. THEY WERE INVESTED IN HELPING ME REACH MY GOALS.**

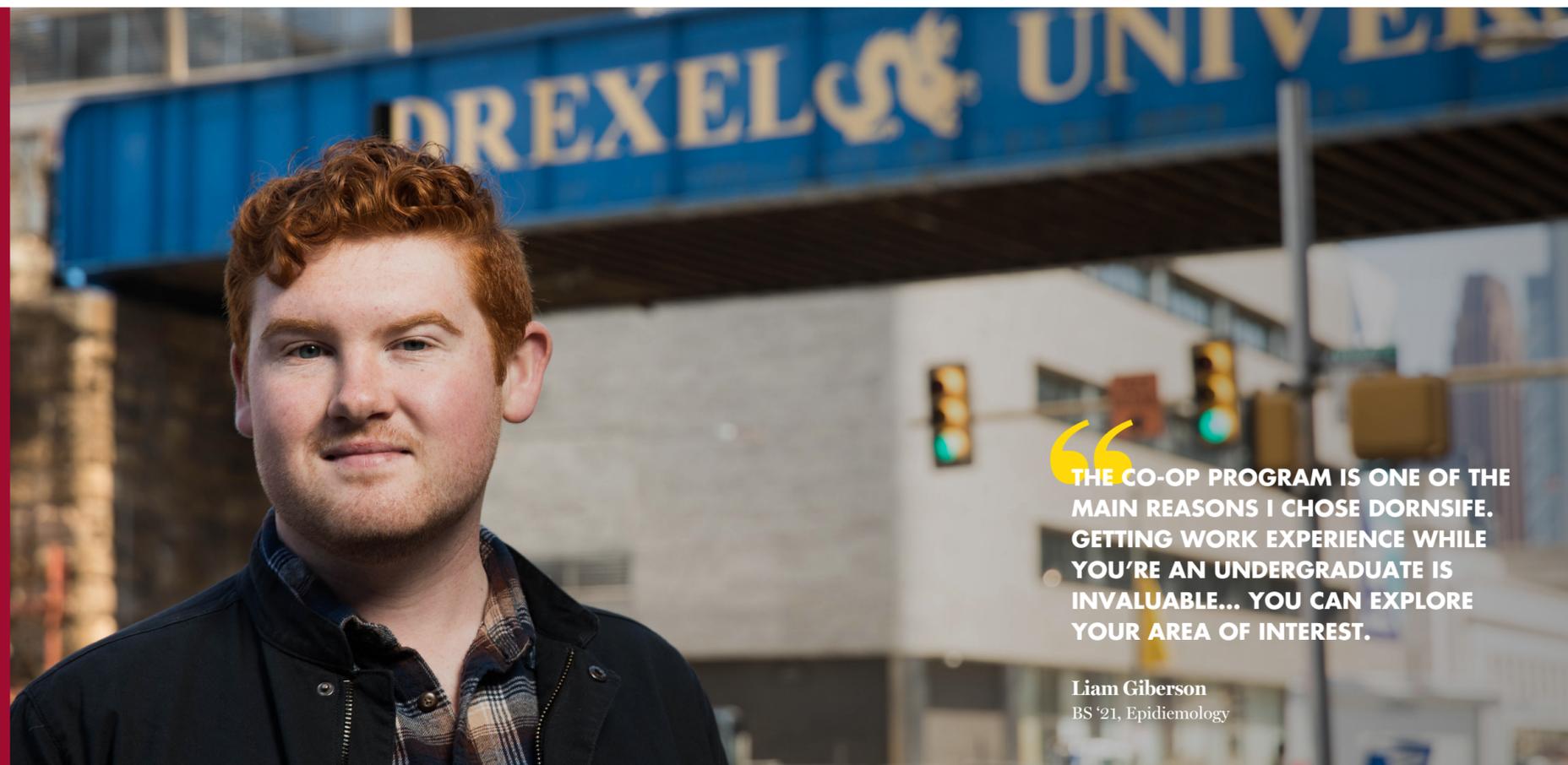
**Janay Brandon**  
MPH '18

**5:1**  
student/faculty ratio. Receive more personal mentorship from faculty.

**400+**  
hours of practical experience. Make a difference on Day One.

**9 IN 10**  
students say the skills they learned are relevant to career goals. Advance in your career faster - and with greater confidence.

**9**  
research centers. Broad opportunities to learn from experts in your field of study.



**“ THE CO-OP PROGRAM IS ONE OF THE MAIN REASONS I CHOSE DORNIFE. GETTING WORK EXPERIENCE WHILE YOU'RE AN UNDERGRADUATE IS INVALUABLE... YOU CAN EXPLORE YOUR AREA OF INTEREST.**

**Liam Giberson**  
BS '21, Epidemiology

## FINANCIAL AID

Every prospective Drexel Dornsife student can explore opportunities to finance their degree programs through our financial aid department's one-stop, online and in-person resources. A broad range of scholarships, fellowships, and grants are available, along with counseling. Scholarships or grants are given to more than 60 percent of master's students. Nearly 95 percent of doctoral candidates receive teaching research assistantships, combined with other scholarships and grants.

## SCHOLARSHIPS & FELLOWSHIPS

Dornsife Public Health Fellow

Dornsife International Fellow

The Arthur L. Frank Endowed Scholarship in Environmental and Occupational Health

The Marla J. Gold Endowed Scholarship for MD/MPH Students

Teaching and Research Assistantships for Doctoral Students

Joseph Tringali Memorial Scholarship in Maternal and Child Health

Urban Health Collaborative Master's Fellowships

Urban Health Collaborative Doctoral Fellowships

**95%**  
of undergraduates receive scholarships or grants.

**MORE THAN:**  
**60%**  
of MPH students receive scholarships or grants.

**68%**  
of MS students receive scholarships or grants.

# CERTIFICATES & ONLINE LEARNING

The Dornsife School of Public Health also applies its solutions-based learning methods and unique expertise in urban, national and global health research and practice to programs that promote lifelong learning. The school offers a series of online certificates that prepare students to enter the world of public health or advance their careers. Drexel Dornsife's online certificate programs focus on the development of concentrated knowledge and skills that prepare students to make a difference.



**“ I COMPLETED A DREXEL DORNSIFE CERTIFICATE IN EPIDEMIOLOGY AND BIostatISTICS AND AM CURRENTLY SERVING IN THE CDC'S EPIDEMIC INTELLIGENCE SERVICE. IN THIS POSITION, I HAVE DEPLOYED INTERNATIONALLY IN RESPONSE TO TWO OUTBREAKS, ASSESSED A WATER DELIVERY SYSTEM IN KIBERA, AFRICA'S LARGEST INFORMAL URBAN SETTLEMENT, AND DESIGNED A RESEARCH PROTOCOL TO EVALUATE USAGE PATTERNS.**

**Hammad S. N'cho**

EMPH '11 - PhD, Global Epidemiology Team, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention



**“ IN MY TIME IN LESOTHO, I LEARNED TO BE MORE INDEPENDENT... ACADEMICALLY AND IN LIFE. I'M SO GRATEFUL TO HAVE HAD SUCH AN OPPORTUNITY SO EARLY IN MY CAREER.**

**Mariah Menanno**

BS '20, Dornsife Global Development  
Scholar researching health impact of drought



# LEARNING THE WORLD: GLOBAL HEALTH

The Office of Global Health at Drexel Dornsife teaches students to approach health program planning and scientific questions from a multidisciplinary and entrepreneurial perspective. The Dornsife Global Development Scholars Program brings students together to work on projects that help to improve health outcomes in communities in Africa. Undergraduate and graduate students can take advantage of these learning opportunities, public health practice partnerships, and field experiences designed to teach them how to address global public health issues in key urban and rural regions that also include Asia, Europe, Latin America, and the Caribbean.

# SCHOOL DEPARTMENTS

## COMMUNITY HEALTH AND PREVENTION

*MPH, MS, DrPH, PhD*

The Department of Community Health and Prevention (CHP) promotes health through the scientific study of communities by examining the social, cultural, economic, and environmental factors that influence health. Our work also focuses on the human rights and social justice aspects of public health in order to secure the conditions in which people and populations can be healthy.

Our multidisciplinary work is reflected in our actions, programs, and policies that build upon community values, strengths, and assets to improve the public's health. Our training programs provide a diverse student body with the chance to learn and practice rigorous behavioral and prevention science methodologies to become experts in a range of community health areas.

Our faculty are renowned for their innovative strategies in health promotion and public health practice. They work closely with our students and community partners to break new ground in the investigation of the impact of community factors on health.

## EPIDEMIOLOGY AND BIOSTATISTICS

*MPH, MS, PhD*

The Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics applies, develops, and teaches the skills needed to understand the determinants of disease and improve health.

The epidemiology program focuses on descriptive and analytic approaches used to understand the complex causes of major public health problems and to develop effective strategies to prevent them. The biostatistics program centers on the development and application of theory and methods in the collection, analysis, and interpretation of data used in public health and other biomedical sciences.

The faculty conduct pioneering research in many areas, including aging; autism; biostatistical methods; cancer; cardiovascular disease; environmental risk factors; infectious disease and prevention; social and neighborhood determinants of health.

## ENVIRONMENTAL AND OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH

*MPH, MS*

The Department of Environmental and Occupational Health trains students in the core disciplines applicable to practice and research in this field, including toxicology, exposure science, epidemiology, risk assessment, and policy. Students explore the multiple ways that chemical, radiological, and biological factors in the community and workplace impact health. The curriculum emphasizes preventive actions focused on creating healthier environments for communities and workers.

The research interests pursued by our faculty include the health impact of air pollution, pesticides and other environmental exposures, environmental policy, approaches to injury prevention, and environmental contributors to health disparities.

## HEALTH MANAGEMENT AND POLICY

*MPH, JD/MPH, DrPH*

The Department of Health Management and Policy prepares the next generation of public health practitioners and leaders to take on management and policy roles that will improve population health and health care delivery at the local and national levels. Students concentrate in either management or health policy, and are prepared to plan, implement, evaluate and operate effective, community-responsive programs and organizations that can bring about positive change. Recognizing that almost all policy impacts health, faculty train students to develop skills in management, organization, finance, advocacy, political action, research, and public policy analysis.

Faculty research interests include the impact of the health care system on health and health care policy, health disparities, the dissemination of research to policymakers, and the impact of urban policies on health.

**“AS A STUDENT, I WAS THROWN INTO THE COMMUNITY IMMEDIATELY. DORNSIFE IS REALLY A UNIQUE PLACE TO GAIN SKILLS, HARD SKILLS, MARKETABLE SKILLS, IN PUBLIC HEALTH AND DATA. AND AT THE SAME TIME, REALLY BUILD RELATIONSHIPS WITH COMMUNITY PARTNERS. YOU ARE NOT JUST GOING TO BE IN A CLASSROOM, YOU ARE GOING TO GET A REAL-LIFE EXPERIENCE.**



**“DREXEL HAS TAUGHT ME TO CRITICALLY EXAMINE AND ANALYZE PUBLIC HEALTH AND HEALTH POLICY ISSUES AND THINK ABOUT SOLUTIONS IN CREATIVE AND INNOVATIVE WAYS. BETWEEN MY COURSEWORK AND ACADEMIC ADVISING, I FEEL CONFIDENT ENTERING THE PROFESSIONAL WORKFORCE.**

**Garett Devenney**  
MPH '18 - David A. Winston Health  
Policy Fellow

# YOUR CAREER

*At Drexel Dornsife, your career begins before you leave the classroom. Our co-op and graduate practicum opportunities allow you to gain experience and establish a network of mentors and connections that will become the foundation of your professional life while you are pursuing your degree.*

You may select opportunities to work in a range of settings, including hospitals, health departments, housing organizations, community programs, or institutions that make policy.

Students are offered several opportunities to develop the skills needed to build successful careers, including counseling, resume writing, interview training, and work with faculty and alumni mentors.

Nearly half of Drexel Dornsife's graduates go on to work with the organizations they select through co-op or practicum assignments. Whether you choose work in the Pennsylvania region or beyond, as a Drexel Dornsife graduate, you'll join a family of distinguished alumni who are transforming public health across the country and around the world, while enjoying rewarding and exciting careers.



# 94%

of Drexel Dornsife students are employed full-time by graduation.

# 90%

of Drexel Dornsife graduates build careers in their field of study.

**“THE EXECUTIVE MPH PROGRAM WAS AN INCREDIBLE EXPERIENCE; I WAS ABLE TO ENGAGE WITH OTHER PASSIONATE INDIVIDUALS WHO WERE EQUALLY FOCUSED ON MAKING AN IMPACT ON COMMUNITY HEALTH.**



**Jessica Lee**  
MPH '11, VP Clinical Operations and Clinical Compliance; Global Integration at Inovio Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

**“I AM THE WATERBORNE DISEASE SURVEILLANCE COORDINATOR AT THE PHILADELPHIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH. I COORDINATE DISEASE INVESTIGATIONS, EPIDEMIOLOGICAL STUDIES, AND EDUCATIONAL OUTREACH ACTIVITIES.**

**Lauren Finn**  
MPH '13



“DORNSIFE OPENED DOORS FOR ME TO EXPLORE RESEARCH AND APPLY MY SCIENTIFIC KNOWLEDGE TO STUDIES INVOLVING COMMUNITIES. ALSO, AS AN IMMIGRANT AND MEMBER OF THE LGBT COMMUNITY, DORNSIFE’S SOCIAL JUSTICE MINDSET IS IMPORTANT TO ME.

Nguyen Tran  
MPH’18 – PhD ’20, Epidemiology



## EXPLORATION & EVIDENCE

Drexel Dornsife has emerged as a center of excellence for research in urban health, as well as the rigorous, innovative investigation of the most effective methods for improving health in communities of all types.

Scholarship at Drexel Dornsife is focused on uncovering solutions to local, state, national, and global population health problems through an interdisciplinary approach that considers the many factors that influence health practice and policies that impact health.

Drexel Dornsife faculty and scholars investigate an extensive range of subjects, including: the effects of urban policies on health, impact of neighborhoods and communities on health, preventing overdose deaths, air pollution health effects, injury prevention and worker safety, improving health care access, strategies to prevent the health consequences of urban violence, global health, and more.

The School has established nine research centers targeting key public health issues and offering students unique opportunities to engage in important areas of public health practice. Our commitment goes beyond investigation. We make every effort to ensure that the evidence we generate is shared with communities, policymakers, and other stakeholders, in ways that create meaningful change.

### CENTERS AND SPECIAL PROGRAMS

[The Urban Health Collaborative](#)

[A.J. Drexel Autism Institute](#)

[Center for Hunger-Free Communities](#)

[Center for Population Health and Community Impact](#)

[Center for Public Health Readiness and Communication](#)

[Center for Nonviolence and Social Justice](#)

[Center for Firefighter Injury Research & Safety](#)

[The Council on Black Health](#)

[Maternal Child Health Program](#)

# STUDENT LIFE

*The Drexel Dornsife School's Office of Student Affairs offers a variety of support, resources and programs so you can get the most out of your time at Drexel.*

We encourage students to get involved with campus life as well as support and participate in student initiatives. When you come to Drexel Dornsife, you become part of a community of people across the campus and the city, through the School's many student-focused activities and organizations.

The wider University also offers many resources to enhance learning, help you stay healthy, and plan for your future.

**The Daskalakis Recreation Center**

**Center for Learning and Academic Success Services**

**Spiritual and Religious Life/Interfaith Council**

**Student Center for Inclusion and Culture and the LGBTQA Student Center**

**Veteran Student Services**

**Counseling and Health**

**Steinbright Career Development Center**

**Monthly Professional Development Seminars & Career**

**Planning Workshops**

**150+ undergraduate and graduate student organizations**

**The Public Health Student Government Organization**

**Over 15 public health student interest groups and committees**

**Alumni-to-Student Mentoring**

**Student-to-Student Mentoring**

**Intramural sports and club sports**



An aerial photograph of the Philadelphia skyline at sunset. The sky is a mix of blue and orange, with scattered clouds. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a warm glow over the city. Several prominent skyscrapers are visible, including the Comcast Center and the Comcast Tower. A large, solid yellow rectangle is overlaid on the right side of the image, partially obscuring the buildings.

# LIVING IN PHILADELPHIA

Students and faculty from all over the country and the world come to Drexel Dornsife to contribute their diverse perspectives to improving public health.

Drexel Dornsife students come from leading high schools and professional environments such as government, academia, health care services, community organizations, and the non-profit sector to further their education in the fast-paced city of Philadelphia.

The second largest city on the East Coast, Philadelphia is home to world-class museums, amazing restaurants, beautiful parks, and legendary historical sites. “Philly” is a sophisticated city that still has a small-town sense of community. It’s a fun, affordable, high-energy place to live.



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