

Public Health & Professional Degree Programs

Thank you for your interest in the Tufts Doctor of Public Health (DrPH) program!

In a globalized world there is increasing need for practitioners with advanced public health training who are capable of working across disciplines and borders. The Tufts DrPH program is directed at the early- to mid- career professional in public health or allied health sciences who aspires to an advanced leadership position in public health practice. If you are such an individual, I encourage you to examine the Tufts DrPH program more closely. On the next page we have put together a summary of information available on our website that highlights some characteristics of the Tufts DrPH program.

It is important that you find the doctoral program that is the right fit for you and your career aspirations. To help you in your research, we have made every effort to make our website informative to potential applicants. However, you are unique and you may not find answers to all of your questions on our website. Therefore, we encourage you to reach out to us in person – the earlier the better. I would be happy to answer your questions about the DrPH curriculum, its structure, and how the curriculum may be tailored to meet your specific interests. I can also connect you to faculty who share your interests. You may contact me directly at janet.forrester@tufts.edu. In our admissions office, Helen Williams (helen.williams@tufts.edu) or Emily Keily (emily.keily@tufts.edu) will be happy to answer your questions about the admissions process.

We hope to hear from you!

Sincerely,



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Information for Prospective Applicants to the Tufts University Accredited Doctor of Public Health Degree (DrPH) Program

- The DrPH is the highest professional degree for the public health practitioner. The Tufts DrPH program is best suited to applicants who already hold a Master's degree in Public Health (MPH). DrPH students who do not have a MPH but have a Master's degree in a related discipline must complete the five core public health courses that are the requirement for all accredited MPH programs concurrent with the doctoral course curriculum.
[View the curriculum](#)
- The Tufts DrPH is a practice-oriented degree.
- All current DrPH students at Tufts have previous professional experience in a public health or allied health sciences setting.
- There are no concentrations in the Tufts DrPH program. The program is designed to be *interdisciplinary* and flexible to the interests and background of the student. Students are encouraged to collaborate with faculty across Tufts schools including the Friedman School of Nutrition Science and Policy, the Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine, the Tufts School of Dental Medicine and the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy.
- The program is offered on either a full-time or a part-time basis.
- Studies for both full and part-time students begin in September of each year. The program makes every effort to keep students together as a cohort.
- The program is designed to be completed in four full-time years for those applicants who enter with an MPH from a Council on Education for Public Health (CEPH)-accredited institution. Part-time students must complete the program within seven years.
- The program accepts 3-5 students per year.
- Class sizes across the DrPH curriculum are small (Maximum 25 students in 200-level courses).
- A limited number of full-tuition scholarships and stipends are available for highly-competitive, full-time students.
- Foreign students are eligible for scholarships.