We aim to improve global health through transdisciplinary programs and partnerships across Washington University in St. Louis and around the world.

Global Health is the area of study, research and practice that places a priority on improving health and achieving equity in health for all people worldwide.

Research, education and partnership can advance health equity in low-resource settings in St. Louis and around the world.

How We Work

We further research and innovation in global health across disciplines — including chronic disease, infectious disease, nutrition, and maternal and child health.

We are thought leaders who convene local, national and international experts to find solutions to emerging global health challenges.

We nurture trainees, helping to build the next generation of leaders in global health and foster connections among students and faculty to advance sharing, collaboration, and innovation.

What We Do

**ISSUE**

Nearly one billion people have hypertension worldwide with about 65% in low- and middle-income countries.

Cancer caused nearly 10 million preventable deaths in 2020. Early diagnosis and treatment can reduce the likelihood of death.

**OUR ROLE**

We work with communities in southern Peru to investigate how training local health-care workers can fill a gap in medical care and help the region’s population prevent and control high blood pressure.

We work with a cancer hospital in Guatemala to improve treatment with state-of-the-art radiation therapy equipment and training, reducing wait times from six to nine months to one to two weeks.
Through hands-on educational efforts, our center helps train future public and global health leaders.

The highly competitive Summer Research Program — Public and Global Health Track, hosts students from the U.S. and abroad. Participants work closely with faculty on research projects. More than one hundred alumni continue to collaborate with mentors and fellow alumni beyond the program.

*I felt a sense of empowerment conducting real world research and contributing to something greater than myself. I learned to be adaptive, work independently and set my own milestones.*

—Program participant

Our Global Health Work in Progress meetings provide a forum for global health faculty, postdocs and residents to present their early research projects and/or manuscripts to the Washington University community and receive feedback from other researchers.

*The opportunity to present our work and receive feedback has been instrumental in helping guide our research.*

—Meeting presenter

At our annual Global Health Conference, renowned national and international experts present their work and engage in discussions with members of global health community. Audiences are offered a broad, multi-disciplinary lens from which to discuss critical global health issues.

The Global Health Mentoring Program helps build and foster a global health community among trainees, faculty and staff. The goal of the program is to train mentees and provide guidance in their professional development and advancement.

*At each critical period of your career development, you need to talk to the right people and gain insights into where to go... The Global Health Mentoring Program offers this tremendous opportunity*

—Program participant

Summer Research Program participants enjoy presentations from their peers at their culminating symposium.