

Duke Kunshan University

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN GLOBAL HEALTH





PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Innovative US global health education for tomorrow's leaders, in China



* Nicole Georggi, Duke University MSc-GH alumn

Global Health is an area of study, research and practice that places a priority on improving health and achieving equity in health for all people worldwide. Recognizing that many global health problems stem from economic, social, environmental, political, and health care inequalities, the global health program brings together interdisciplinary teams to solve complex health problems and to train the next generation of global health leaders.

The Duke Kunshan University Master of Science in Global Health (DKU MSc-GH) students come from a variety of disciplinary backgrounds, including medicine, public health, biology, engineering, law, economics, policy, business and more. Emphasizing interdisciplinary collaboration, a research experience, and mentorship from expert faculty, the program prepares graduates to make an impact in their world, and awards a Duke University master's degree.

The DKU MSc-GH is modeled after the highly successful program pioneered at Duke University. In its sixth year, the MSc-GH at Duke has trained over 100 global health leaders who now hold rewarding positions with academic, non-governmental and corporate organizations. Many graduates are also pursuing medical or Ph.D.-level training at the top universities in the world.

"I chose DKU as I believe the MSc-GH will be a huge success in Kunshan just as it has proved to be in Durham for the last five years."

Kennedy Opondo, Kenya

FACULTY

The global health faculty at DKU are recognized leaders in their respective fields.

Coming from many countries and drawing on strong ties with foreign institutions, DKU faculty represent a broad range of disciplines, such as public health, economics, medicine, and environmental studies. They hold high expectations for educational excellence and are dedicated to teaching and mentoring students and helping them find their path in global health.

The DKU MSc-GH faculty offer a comprehensive, multidisciplinary, and highly interactive learning experience for students, incorporating innovative teaching techniques and challenging students to think beyond the textbook to engage with the world.



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PROGRAM ADVANTAGES

The DKU Master of Science in Global Health brings innovative, interdisciplinary, global health education to China, one of the leading economies in the world.

World-Class Education

Students who successfully complete the program requirements at DKU will receive a Master of Science degree awarded by Duke University, a leading private research university located in Durham, North Carolina, United States. Consistently ranked among the top universities in the world, Duke was ranked No. 7 in the United States by *US News & World Report* and No. 17 globally by *Times Higher Education World University Ranking* in 2014.

Interdisciplinary approach to global health education

The DKU MSc-GH is an interdisciplinary program that draws on the expertise of world-class faculty from multiple schools, departments, and academic disciplines.

Opportunities for research

The DKU Global Health Research Center was established in 2013 by the Duke Global Health Institute (DGHI). The Center uses innovative approaches to research and solve important health and health policy challenges in China and the larger region. In addition to collaborating with leading Chinese and international researchers, the DKU Global Health Research Center hosts national and international conferences to disseminate research findings and encourage dialogue among scientists, professionals, policy-makers and other key stakeholders engaged in global health. The DKU Global Health Research Center's presence on campus creates many opportunities for DKU MSc-GH student involvement and participation.

Field Study

Working with faculty mentors throughout the year, students will spend at least 10 weeks in the field conducting a research project. Students will have opportunities within Asia and beyond, including Africa, Latin America and the USA.

Location

Based in China, a country with a diverse population facing variety of health challenges across its social, cultural, economic and geographic divides, the program is well-situated to offer a unique setting in which to study global health. The campus is located in Kunshan, which falls geographically within the "One-hour Economic Circle" in the Yangtze River Delta. Kunshan has won many distinctions, including ranking at the top of *Forbes China*'s Best County-level cities in Mainland China for four consecutive years and

the 2010 UN-Habitat Scroll of Honor Award. It has attracted a number of Fortune 500 companies and other leading enterprises.

Small Class-size and Supportive Faculty

The Master of Science in Global Health offers a small, internationally-diverse cohort and unparalleled support from faculty and staff.



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FIELD STUDY

Classroom learning is only the beginning of your educational experience.

- At DKU you will work with a faculty member to develop a research question and field-based project in Asia or other locations around the world.
- The field-based research experience typically occurs between the first and second years of the program.
- To date, MSc-GH students have completed innovative field research in more than 20 countries around the world.
- Financial support is provided to assist with your travel and project costs.

Sample Projects

- Evaluating the effectiveness of applied theatre for health education among adolescents in Moshi, Tanzania.
- The Interaction Between Social Support and Coping in HIV-Positive Women in Eldoret, Kenya and North Carolina.
- Lifestyle risk factors for non-communicable diseases and attitudes towards preventive counseling: a cross-sectional analysis of Chinese medical students.

CAREERS IN GLOBAL HEALTH

Students today need international experience to compete in global labor markets. Employers want to hire students who are comfortable in global settings.

Global health will continue to be a big component of international development work, and the need for global health professionals is strong and growing.

In our program you will develop an understanding of the most important global

health concepts and challenges, build valuable research skills, and receive hands-on international experience.

DKU faculty and professional development staff will help you build connections with future employers. A DKU education provides you with more than knowledge; it helps you build confidence, elicits your creativity, enhances your communication skills, and teaches you to think in innovative ways.

Successful graduates of this program will pursue academic careers in global health and research, global medicine, international organizations such as the World Health Organization, World Bank, World Food Programme, and in other corporate and governmental agencies around the world.



Jiani Sun

Hometown:

2009: BSc.Pharmaceulics, China Pharmaceutical University 2011: MSc-GH, Duke University Current Position:

World Health Organization Representativ Office in China, Tobacco Free Initiative-National Professional Officer "The MSc-GH not only provided me with a wealth of knowledge and practical skills on health policy and health promotion research but it also reinforced my passion for global health and my life goals. My heart is set on improving people's quality of life. Making a difference is difficult, but as we are working toward that end goal, we should be proud of every single step we take."



PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

Core Courses (Six courses)

The following courses are required of all students. It is strongly recommended that students complete all core coursework in the first academic year of the program.

Course Name
Global Health Challenges
Global Health Research: Design and Practice
Global Health Research: Quantitative Methods I
Global Health Research: Quantitative Methods II
Ethics for Global Health Research
Health Systems in Developing Countries

Elective Courses (Five courses)

Students are required to take five elective courses, which can be spaced out depending on the needs of the student and availability of courses. Elective courses allow students to focus on a specific area, such as environmental health or health policy.

Field Study and Thesis

A closely-mentored and supported field research project, culminating in a thesis, is also a credit-bearing requirement.

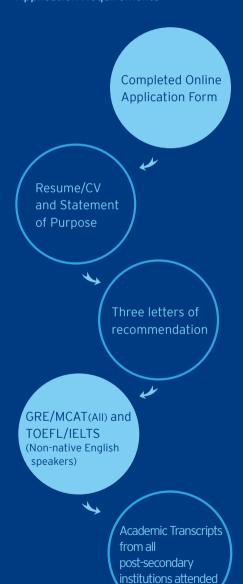
The field-based research experience typically occurs between the first and second years of the program, with students spending at least 10 weeks in the field. DGHI and the DKU Global Health Research Center work with leading researchers world-wide, offering students a rich set of opportunities in North and South America, Africa, Europe, and Asia to choose from for their field research.

The master's thesis is the culminating product of the DKU MSc-GH, typically completed in the student's final semester of the program. The thesis must be formatted consistent with the requirements of DKU and the Duke Graduate School and represents a significant work of scholarship by the student.

HOW TO APPLY

The DKU application process is similar to that of a US university, and applicants to DKU will be expected to meet Duke University academic standards.

Application Requirements



Scholarships are available for qualifying students.











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