

RESEARCH CENTERS

Bixby Center on Population and Reproductive Health was established in 2001 at the UCLA Fielding School of Public Health as the result of a generous gift from the Fred. H. Bixby Foundation. The Center has grown since then with the support of several additional Bixby Foundation gifts. The Center promotes and supports research, training, and applied public health in the areas of population, reproductive health, and family planning. The principal focus of the program is on reproductive health issues in developing countries, where population growth rates remain high and reproductive health services are poor or inaccessible. However, the Bixby Center also works on reproductive health-related issues in the United States.

Center for Cancer Prevention and Control Research is a joint program of the UCLA Fielding School of Public Health and the Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center at UCLA. Since its inception in 1976, the Center has been nationally and internationally recognized for its pioneering work in cancer prevention and control research. The CPRC focuses on research in primary prevention and screening/early detection among healthy populations and persons at increased risk for developing cancer as well as reducing avoidable morbidity and mortality among adult and pediatric patients with cancer and long-term survivors of cancer.

Center for Environmental Genomics was established in May 2003 at the Fielding School in partnership with the Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center. The mission of the center is to bring together experts from a variety of fields, such as environmental health sciences, molecular toxicology, nutrition, and molecular epidemiology, to conduct multidisciplinary research and research training on issues related to environmental exposures and gene-environmental interaction on the risk of cancer and other diseases.

Center for Global Infectious Diseases is an intellectual collection of individuals who will provide a home for sustaining and expanding research evaluating how infectious diseases evolve and how their spread can be forecast and in turn mitigated or prevented. The Center brings together, in addition to those involved in infectious disease epidemiology and control from within public health, an interdisciplinary group of faculty from across the campus, including those who study microbiology, virology, immunology, molecular genetics, ecology and the evolution of infectious diseases.

Center for Healthier Children, Families, and Communities was established in 1995 to address some of the most challenging health and social problems facing children and families. The Center's mission is to improve society's ability to provide children with the best opportunities for health, well-being, and the chance to assume productive roles within families and communities.

Center for Occupational and Environmental Health is one of three state funded programs for research, training, and service in the area of occupational and environmental health. Center faculty from Public Health, Nursing, and Medicine, train occupational and environmental health professionals and scientists, conduct research, and provide services through consultation, education, and outreach. Programs include environmental chemistry, occupational/environmental epidemiology, occupational ergonomics, industrial hygiene, occupational/environmental medicine, occupational/environmental health nursing, toxicology, gene-environment interactions,

psychosocial factors in the work environment, and occupational health education. The mission of the Center is to address occupational and environmental health issues through advanced research, teaching, training opportunities and service to the Southern California community.

Center for Public Health and Disasters was established in 1997 to address the critical issues faced when a disaster impacts a community. The center promotes interdisciplinary efforts to reduce the health impacts of domestic and international, natural and human-induced disasters. It facilitates dialogue between public health and medicine, engineering, physical and social sciences, and emergency management. Its mission is to promote interdisciplinary efforts to reduce the health impacts of domestic and international, natural and human-generated disasters. In 2002, the Center was designated a CDC Academic Center for Public Health Preparedness.

Global Media Center for Social Impact is an innovative new center that will increase awareness of important health issues and improve the well-being of people throughout the world by harnessing the storytelling power of television, film, music and new media. By collaborating with the entertainment industry and news media, the Global Media Center for Social Impact will help content creators and reporters craft compelling stories that accurately address a full range of public health issues – from the social determinants of health to climate change and early childhood health – with the goal of impacting global health.

Center for Global and Immigrant Health was established in 2008. The Center includes faculty from all of the departments in the Fielding School of Public Health as well as the Schools of Medicine, Dentistry and Nursing and the California Center for Population Research, all of whom have research or teaching interests in global and/or immigrant health. Participating faculty have active research collaborations in more than 50 countries throughout the world, and several work both with immigrant communities in California and in the countries of origin of these communities. The Center offers a regular seminar series and a Certificate in Global Health available to students in any of UCLA's degree granting graduate and professional programs.

UCLA Center for Health Advancement provides enhanced analysis and evidence based information to help policy makers decide which policies and programs can best improve health and reduce health disparities. The Center brings together faculty from multiple Departments of the Fielding School of Public Health and other UCLA Schools with a wide range of subject matter and methodological expertise, including expertise in non-health sectors, such as education, transportation, housing, environmental protection, community planning, agriculture, public welfare, and economics. It has strong collaborations with governmental public health agencies, foundations, academic institutions and other not-for-profit organizations. Within the health sector, its work is focused on how alternative investments to wasteful expenditures in health care can yield greater returns. The Center has core expertise in health impact assessment, health forecasting, and modeling inter-sectoral planning and analysis. Its research collaborations enable an enhanced, broadened understanding of how to improve the public's health and health equity effectively and efficiently.

Center for Health Policy Research is one of the nation's leading health policy research centers and the premier source of health policy information for California. Established in 1994, the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research is based in the School of Public Health and affiliated with the School of Public Affairs. The Center improves the public's health by advancing health policy through research, public

service, community partnership, and education. It is particularly known for its programs on health insurance, health economics, health disparities, and chronic disease. The Center also conducts the California Health Interview Survey (CHIS), the nation's largest state health survey

UCLA Kaiser Permanente Center for Health Equity (formerly Center to Eliminate Health Disparities) was established in 2004 to address the increasing disparities in health status and health care in the United States. The Center conducts community-based participatory intervention research in health promotion and disease prevention to mitigate disparities. The Center also facilitates community and academic partnerships in research, trains future leaders in health disparities research, provides technical assistance for implementing evidence-based programs that build on community needs and existing assets, and hosts annual community symposia on critical public health issues. This “center without walls” includes members from academia, government, and private/non-profit organizations to enable more effective collaboration with community partners to reduce health disparities across the lifespan.

UCLA/RAND Prevention Research Center conducts prevention research that addresses the needs of children, adolescents, young adults, and their families. The Center is a unique partnership of the UCLA Fielding School of Public Health, the UCLA Department of Pediatrics, the RAND Corporation (a non-partisan, private, non-profit research institute), and a wide range of community partners. The Center is innovative in its approach to community service, partnering with ethnically and economically diverse communities in Los Angeles County to identify opportunities for the Center to provide technical support to community groups for program implementation and assessment. In addition, the Center has partnerships with the L.A. Unified School District, L.A. County Department of Health Services, and other local groups.

WORLD Policy Analysis Center is a non-profit policy research center that aims to improve the quantity and quality of globally comparative data on policies affecting human health, development, well-being, and equity by collecting and analyzing sources of information on rights, laws, and policies. With this data, WORLD informs policy debates, facilitates comparative studies of policy progress, feasibility, and effectiveness, and advances efforts to improve government transparency and accountability.