

## **RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT**

The University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) School of Public Health is housed within the Center for the Health Sciences together with UCLA's renowned Schools of Medicine, Nursing, and Dentistry and shares the same campus with UCLA's College of Letters and Science, other professional schools, hospitals and clinics. These proximities have allowed for a vast and accessible network for cooperative, multi-disciplinary research. The wide array of research centers and programs within the School of Public Health supports further collaborative research.

The School is organized in five departments: Biostatistics, Community Health Sciences, Environmental Health Sciences, Epidemiology and Health Services. Some of the research centers in the School include the Center for Adolescent Health Promotion, the Center for Environmental Quality & Health, the Center for Health Policy Research, the Center for Global & Immigrant Health, the Center for Healthier Children, Families & Communities, the Center for Human Nutrition, the Center for Metabolic Disease Prevention, the Center for Occupational and Environmental Health, the Center for Public Health & Disasters, the Division of Cancer Prevention & Control, and the UCLA Kaiser Permanente Center for Health Equity,.

Research conducted at UCLA is greatly enriched by its location in Los Angeles and Southern California, where a vast and dynamic mix of cultures, ethnicities, industries, and universities provide unparalleled opportunities for research, teaching and service. Los Angeles has among the nation's largest public health and public education infrastructures, and is home to many nationally-recognized community-based and advocacy organizations. These entities often partner with the University in its research, education, and service endeavors.

As a part of UCLA, researchers, faculty, and students have one of the largest research library systems in the nation at their disposal. Researchers also have access to a Vivarium located in the Center for Health Sciences building. Currently, the School has approximately 65,000 contiguous square feet of space, plus an additional 55,000 square feet of leased offsite and other on-campus space available for use.

The School has an instructional lab, wireless access throughout the building, plus a partnership with the Biomedical Library Technology and Learning Center (TLC) which provides IT services and computers for use by UCLA public health students and researchers. The School has a high-speed, Cisco-based network with an enterprise-class firewall that will ensure the security and reliability of data.

The UCLA School of Public Health has grown to international prominence with 215 faculty teaching over 700 students each year from around the world. With an average of 55 to 60 million dollars in awarded contract and grants, the School has a strong extramural funding base. The School offers some of the strongest and most comprehensive educational programs of any public-health institution in the country. Through a wide array of degree programs, in-service educational opportunities and distance-based learning activities, students at every career stage gain the practical and intellectual tools to contribute meaningfully to society's well-being. The breadth of its faculty, the scope of its curriculum, and the diversity of research have earned the School international recognition and a reputation as one of the nation's premier schools of public health.