Emory University is committed to improving health around the world. You can be a part of our efforts to advance global health knowledge, train new leaders, and build healthy communities worldwide. Your support of the Emory Global Health Institute will provide long-term benefits to faculty and students as they work with people across the globe.

Endow the position of director of the Emory Global Health Institute to ensure continuity of exceptional leadership.

Support the Institute by providing general operating funds to be applied to areas of greatest need at the discretion of the Institute’s director.

Provide Emory faculty with resources to address critical global health research challenges through strong partnerships with organizations and institutions around the world.

Help Emory recruit premier faculty who are conducting innovative global health research across disciplines and will teach tomorrow’s global health leaders.

Help train the next generation of global health leaders by sending Emory students to work on global health field projects in multidisciplinary teams around the world.

Support an innovative and unique training program that enables Emory students and students from universities across North America to work in a competitive and collaborative environment while addressing twenty-first century global health challenges.

Recognize and honor Emory students who take a deeper look at the cultures and people they are assisting through this student photography contest.

Provide Emory students from across the University with an opportunity to learn about health, safety, and cultural sensitivity prior to their field experiences in low- and middle-resource countries.

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Global Health is Our Health

As an institution committed to leading the way toward positive transformation in the world, Emory University has a moral imperative to promote global health. Helping unhealthy communities become healthier is reward in itself, but showing communities how to help themselves teaches us invaluable lessons as well.

We founded the Emory Global Health Institute in 2006 to address some of the world’s most critical global health challenges. The Institute does this by fostering global health partnerships, supporting Emory faculty and their research, and training the next generation of global health leaders. The resulting growth in knowledge and ability builds healthier communities abroad and gives us new tools to combat public health problems at home.

As globalization continues, people living in high-resource countries such as the United States increasingly face the same health threats as those living in countries with more limited resources. Infectious diseases such as HIV/AIDS threaten populations in all countries, while infectious disease outbreaks such as SARS and West Nile Virus can spread rapidly from one continent to another. Conversely, chronic diseases such as diabetes, cardiovascular disease, and cancer—and their risk factors—historically have developed in higher-resource countries but are now common around the world due to the westernization of diets and lifestyle habits.

The health of a country’s people is linked closely with the health of its development, national security, and economy. Success in these three areas also affects a country’s relationships with its regional and global neighbors, which is another powerful reason to promote health around the world.

That is our mission, and we hope you will join us by making a contribution.

The Emory Global Health Institute strives to make a positive difference in the health and lives of people around the world. We do this by advancing knowledge of serious global health issues and by training the next generation of global health leaders. Below are a few of the global health problems the Institute is tackling through its innovative faculty and student programs.

**WATER EVERYWHERE BUT NOT A DROP TO DRINK**

Water is a precious resource but one that many people in the developed world take for granted. That attitude is changing as droughts affect many high-resource countries, but accessing clean water in the industrialized world is still just as easy as turning on the tap. This is not the case in much of the developing world, where women and children often must walk hours to collect water in unsanitary containers. Poor collection and storage mechanisms, coupled with poor hygiene and sanitation, lead to multiple diseases that cause severe illness and preventable deaths.

**PREVENTING AND MANAGING THE NEW KILLERS**

Chronic illnesses such as diabetes and cardiovascular disease were once seen primarily in high-resource countries, where factors such as smoking, high-fat diets, and limited physical activity contributed to their development. With the obesity epidemic impacting countries such as India, the Institute supports Emory faculty working with researchers there to develop better ways to prevent and manage disease in populations around the world.

**BUILDING HEALTHY NATIONS RIGHT FROM THE START**

Malnutrition remains prevalent in many parts of the developing world. The Institute is working with Emory faculty and students to help combat hunger and malnutrition through faculty research and student learning programs.

**PREVENTING DISEASES WITH NEW VACCINES**

Diseases such as HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, malaria, and other infectious diseases threaten us all, which makes it all the more urgent to develop effective vaccines to prevent transmission and drug therapies to treat disease once it has been transmitted. An Institute program in India is helping to develop new vaccines and drug therapies for some of the world’s most deadly infectious diseases.

**STOPPING INFECTIOUS DISEASES AT THEIR SOURCE**

In addition to working to develop new vaccines and drug therapies, the Institute works with Emory faculty to help control infectious diseases through public health prevention efforts. The Institute has partnered with faculty members working on tuberculosis control efforts in the Republic of Georgia and HIV/AIDS prevention efforts in Rwanda, Zambia, and other African countries. Additionally, the Institute supports Emory faculty working with researchers there to develop better ways to prevent and manage disease in refugee and immigrant communities living in Clarkston, Georgia, located on the outskirts of Atlanta.

**HEALTHY ENVIRONMENTS LEAD TO HEALTHY COMMUNITIES**

Environmental health issues affect populations around the world. These health hazards may arise from specific man-made or natural environmental disasters or develop from long-term erosion of regions due to climate change and other factors. The Institute supports faculty who are researching ways to detect and manage health hazards caused by environmental degradation in many parts of the world.

**TRAINING THE NEXT GENERATION OF GLOBAL HEALTH LEADERS**

Emory students are its greatest asset. Through its numerous student learning programs, the Institute strives to give students from every discipline and school at the University an opportunity to learn about global health and participate in innovative interdisciplinary global health training experiences.