



# IDM Prospective Student e-Newsletter

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*A quarterly newsletter designed for individuals interested in the degree programs at the University of Pittsburgh's Graduate School of Public Health Department of Infectious Diseases and Microbiology.*

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*The home of GSPH, Parran & Crabtree Halls is located in the heart of the Pitt campus in the Oakland section of the city of Pittsburgh.*

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## Career Opportunities for Graduates

Public health careers focusing on infectious diseases are not restricted to one geographic area or industry. The need for well prepared scientists to research diseases and health educators is needed in the US and all over the world.

Positions focusing on infectious disease public health are located in academic, private industry, government, and community service sectors. Opportunities for a career in public health are available and growing, as 23% of the current public health workforce will be eligible for retirement by 2012 ([Association of Schools of Public Health](#)).

### **GSPH Career Services for Students:**

- Annual Internship & Career Day
- Career fairs
- Clinics focused on resume/CV writing, interview skills, job fair skills
- Listing of job postings online for individuals researching career opportunities in public health

Discover further opportunities for career preparation on the [GSPH Career Services Web site](#).

[WhatispUBLICHEALTH.org](#) lists job trends for the major sectors in public health. The following trends directly relate to infectious diseases and microbiology, as well as areas that our students are prepared for upon graduation.

- “The AIDS epidemic with its related complex medical, legal, economic, and social issues is expected to substantially increase the need for qualified health educators throughout the world.”
- “The emergence of diseases such as AIDS and multi-drug resistant strains of TB, as well as continued increases in sexually transmitted and other acute and chronic diseases, has created a shortfall of research epidemiologists. This shortage is expected to continue for decades to come.”
- “Educators trained in maternal and child health, nutrition, sanitation, industrial hygiene, population dynamics, and prevention of disease will increasingly find career opportunities in developing countries.”

Career opportunities for our graduates are available on the career profiles page. For the career placement of our recent graduates please view our alumni news page.

## HIGHLIGHTED - Frequently Asked Question Answered



Students in all IDM programs are involved in research, whether in our laboratories or in the community.



### *In what areas of research could a new student expect to be involved?*

IDM has established programs in a number of areas of public health importance, involving basic and applied research being conducted by our primary and secondary faculty that are available for graduate student projects. These include:

- HIV-including: mechanisms of sexual transmission of HIV, models of SIDS in non-human primates, the Pitt Men's Study on the natural history of HIV infection, new experimental therapies for HIV infection
- AIDS Education and Prevention
- Complications of antiretroviral therapy
- Development of HIV vaccines and immunotherapies
- Emerging infections
- Clinical and molecular epidemiology
- Genetic basis of innate immune response
- Latency and immunopathogenesis of human herpesviruses



*Each September the Department hosts its Annual Research Day where PhD and MS students present posters to the department & school. During the spring the Department hosts a poster session for the MPH students to present their practica experiences.*

Visit the [News & Events page](#) of the IDM Web site for up-to-date accomplishments of faculty, students, and staff in the department, as well as upcoming events.

## Department News

### Recent headlines include:

- Internet Interventions for MSM in Pennsylvania
- Congratulations to Recent Graduates and Delta Omega Awardees
- Multicenter AIDS Cohort Study (MACS) 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Event



The [Greater Pittsburgh Convention and Visitor's Bureau Web site](#) offers more information on Pittsburgh's unique neighborhoods.

Virtual tours of selected neighborhoods are available [online](#).

Maps of the Pittsburgh neighborhoods are available on the [City of Pittsburgh's Web site](#).

Experience the city even if you can't visit with the [MoGoes videos](#) available to view online or download as a PodCast.

## Pittsburgh Showcase- Pittsburgh's Small Town Feel – It's in the Neighborhoods



Although the population of the city of Pittsburgh is over 350,000 the 90+ neighborhoods provide a small town feel.



Known as 'Little Italy,' Pittsburgh's neighborhood of Bloomfield has more than two dozen restaurants and over 200 businesses located a short bus ride from the University.



Cafes and small family-owned restaurants exist all over the city of Pittsburgh. Many exist in and around the Oakland neighborhood making them popular with students.



Shadyside's close location to Oakland and the University make it an attractive neighborhood for student's to reside.

## Visit Us – GSPH Open House

*GSPH Open House for Prospective Students*

October  
26, 2009

GSPH  
Parran  
Hall

Details available on the [GSPH Web site](#).

Visit our Web site

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[www.idm.pitt.edu](http://www.idm.pitt.edu)

Unable to make the Open House, a personalized visit can be scheduled for prospective students of our doctoral and masters degree programs. Visits are scheduled Monday – Friday, depending on the academic calendar of the University. Your visit can include:

- meeting with the faculty director of IDM admissions & recruitment
- tour of the School
- individual meetings with IDM faculty involved in your program of interest
- lunch or afternoon coffee with current students enrolled in your program of interest
- sitting in on an IDM class or seminar, depending on the schedules of these courses & programs

## Next Edition – WINTER – Highlights

- Apply for the Fall of 2009
- Application Submission Tips

Look for it in your mailboxes in mid-December. If you would like more information on submitting an application for our programs please visit our Web page dedicated to prospective students at [www.idm.pitt.edu/prospectivestudents.html](http://www.idm.pitt.edu/prospectivestudents.html) or contact the IDM Academic Office via e-mail.

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