

# FAST FACTS

THE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA

## Mel and Enid Zuckerman College of Public Health



The University of Arizona  
Health Sciences



### MISSION

*The University of Arizona Mel and Enid Zuckerman College of Public Health is dedicated to promoting the health of individuals and communities in the Southwest and globally with an emphasis on achieving health equity through excellence in education, research and service.*

- The Zuckerman College of Public Health was the first nationally accredited college of public health in the Southwest. Today, the college remains the only accredited college of public health in Arizona.
- The college ranks in the top 5 nationally for percentage of Hispanic/Latino students and Native American students enrolled among schools and colleges of public health.
- The college is home to more returned Peace Corps Fellows than any other college at the University of Arizona.
- Graduates work in all 50 states and Puerto Rico, in 40 countries and on six continents. There are 6,300 alumni worldwide.
- Total research funding for the college averages more than \$43 million annually.
- The college is organized into four departments with campuses in Tucson and Phoenix.

### HISTORY

- In 1993, the Arizona Board of Regents approved the establishment of the Arizona Graduate Program in Public Health.
- In 1997, Mel and Enid Zuckerman committed to donate \$10 million over 10 years, — the largest gift in University of Arizona history at that time — which helped pave the way to the establishment of the College of Public Health.
- In 2000, the Arizona Board of Regents voted to establish the College of Public Health at the University of Arizona.
- In 2002, Mel and Enid Zuckerman were honored for their financial support to the College and their commitment to the University of Arizona by naming the college the Mel and Enid Zuckerman College of Public Health.
- The Zuckerman Family Center for Prevention and Health Promotion was established in 2004. Researchers at the center continue to conduct lifestyle-based prevention research and support community-based wellness efforts designed to improve health and reduce disease risk in Southern Arizona.
- In January 2006, the college began holding classes in its new home, the Roy P. Drachman Hall building.
- In 2009, the Global Health Institute was established to catalyze global health activity through international collaboration in education, collaborative research, training and public health outreach.

**Established:**  
2000

### Academic Programs:

Bachelor of Science  
Bachelor of Arts  
Master of Science  
Master of Public Health  
Doctor of Public Health  
Doctor of Philosophy

**Research Funding:**  
\$43 million

### Research Focus Areas:

Climate Change and Health  
Digital Epidemiology and Digital Health  
Disease Prevention and Control  
Environmental and Occupational Health  
Global Health  
Health Disparities and Health Promotion  
Public Health Policy and Management  
Indigenous Health  
Rural and Border Health  
Public Health Preparedness and Surveillance  
Preparedness  
Epidemiology and Biostatistics

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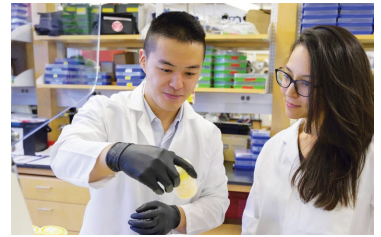


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# Zuckerman College of Public Health Fast Facts

- In 2010, the Arizona Public Health Training Center was established with a \$3.2 million grant from the Health Resources and Services Administration to provide free training and continuing education to the public health workforce in the state. The center expanded to become the Western Region Public Health Training Center and has received more than \$15 million to expand its trainings to cover HRSA Region 9, which includes Arizona, California, Nevada, Hawaii and the U.S. Affiliated Pacific Islands.
- In 2012, the Environment, Exposure Science and Risk Assessment Center was established to provide expertise to industry, the community and researchers in the areas of human exposure science and risk assessment of chemical, biological and physical hazards for workers and communities.
- In 2016, the Zuckerman College of Public Health — Phoenix campus partnered with the Mexico Border Health Commission to establish the Primary Prevention Mobile Health Unit program, which delivers free health screening services to underserved residents in Maricopa County.
- In 2017, the college established the Master of Public Health concentration in One Health, which trains students to apply a One Health approach to complex public health challenges where human, animal and environmental health are deeply interconnected.
- From 2020 to 2022, the college received more than \$92 million in grants from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to conduct multiple research studies on COVID-19 and the impact of post-COVID-19 conditions in diverse populations.
- In 2022, the college opened the Center for Firefighter Health Collaborative Research, which works with firefighters and fire departments to study the occupational health risks firefighters face. Center researchers gather data that will inform decisions, practices and policies to keep firefighters safer and healthier.
- In 2023, the college received \$10 million from the Environmental Protection Agency to fund the Western Environmental Science Technical Assistance Center for Environmental Justice.
- In 2023, the college received \$3.8 million from the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences, a division of the National Institutes of Health, to establish the Southwest Center on Resilience for Climate Change and Health. Center researchers conduct cross-disciplinary research that examines the interconnection between climate change response and public health in the Southwest.
- In 2023, the college became the home of the Health Equity Research Center, which is focused on high quality, multidisciplinary research to better understand and alleviate health inequities faced by underserved and vulnerable populations in the American Southwest.
- In 2023, the college identified five key priorities that focus its efforts for the future, including climate change and health, Indigenous health, global health, mental health, and digital epidemiology and health innovation.
- In 2024, the college established the Master of Public Health concentration in Climate Change and Health to provide students with the crucial public health skills needed to respond to climate change and the many climate-driven health risks we face today and in the future.
- In 2025, the college launched the Arts for Health and Wellbeing Initiative, a portfolio of programs implementing art-based interventions as effective tools for mental health support, social integration and holistic health care across the lifespan.

*The Zuckerman College of Public Health is part of the University of Arizona Health Sciences, one of the top-ranked academic medical centers in the southwestern United States. The U of A Health Sciences includes the College of Health Sciences, College of Medicine — Phoenix, College of Medicine — Tucson, College of Nursing, Mel and Enid Zuckerman College of Public Health, and R. Ken Coit College of Pharmacy. In addition, 12 U of A Health Sciences centers and programs focus on cancer, neurodegenerative diseases, pain and addiction, and respiratory diseases; biomedical informatics, health technology innovation and simulation training; and precision health care and health disparities.*



## Centers: 12

Arizona Center for Rural Health

Global Health Institute

Center for Firefighter Health Collaborative Research

Health Equity Research Center

Environmental, Exposure Science and Risk Assessment Center

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Zuckerman Family Center for Prevention and Health Promotion

Center for Participatory Prevention, Evaluation, and Action Research

Western Environmental Science Technical Assistance Center for Environmental Justice

Southwest Center on Resilience for Climate Change and Health

Western Mining Safety and Health Training Resource Center

Western Region Public Health Training Center