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Tuition and Fees

For current academic year only (Fall Quarter-Spring Quarter). Rates will likely change for 2017-2018



	WA Resident Tuition+Fees+ U-PASS	Non-Resident Tuition+Fees+ U-PASS
MPH	\$20,436	\$34,797
MS & PhD	\$18,642	\$31,212

Funding

Almost all Epi students who have funding are funded through one, or a combination of, the following:

1. RA/TA/TG appointments within Epi or at the Fred Hutch Cancer Research Center
 - The largest percentage of our funded students receive their funding this way
2. RA/TA/TG appointments in other UW departments or schools
 - Provide the same benefits as appointments in Epi
 - NOTE: Please notify Epi SAS early in the process if funding through another UW department/school becomes a possibility for you.*

Funding



Most funding based on quarterly UW RA/TA/TG appointments, hired by faculty

- Multi-year offers rare
- Networking, persistence, & patience are usually needed

RA/TA positions:

- 20 hours/week (50%) position pays in-state tuition/fees plus salary and insurance
 - Non-resident tuition portion is waived, if necessary
- 10 hours/week (25%) position pays more per hour, but no tuition or insurance
- Multiple RA/TA positions can be combined to qualify for 50% position benefits

The Numbers

- ~95% of entering PhD students find funding
- ~50%-60% of entering master's students find funding
- These numbers increase as students continue in subsequent quarters



Funding

A small percentage of Epi students who have funding receive it from the following sources:

1. RA position, or other employment, at a non-UW entity

- Only provides benefits afforded UW RA positions with an official RA appointment agreement between the UW and the outside entity

- NOTE: This can be quite complicated. Please notify Epi SAS early in the process if funding through a non-UW entity becomes a possibility for you.*

2. Departmental or Graduate School awarded fellowships and scholarships

- May be self or department nominated awards

- May be for new or continuing students

Funding

Persistent:

- If you haven't already, begin your search now
- Follow-up with faculty in early April and during summer
- Multiple attempts at making contact may be required

Flexible:

- Accept partial funding
 - Some stipend awards through the UW are eligible for a waiver of the in-state portion of tuition
- Look for opportunities outside your interest area
 - Do you have a particular set of skills/knowledge that would translate well to an RA/TA position in another area or dept?

Proactive:

- Network with multiple faculty members and current students
- Look inside and outside Epi, SPH, UW
 - Start with the Department of Epidemiology funding page: <http://depts.washington.edu/epidem/funding-your-education>
 - General funding information: <http://sph.washington.edu/students/funding.asp>
 - NIH Loan Repayment Program: <https://www.lrp.nih.gov/index.aspx>
 - UW Graduate School Fellowship listing: <http://www.grad.washington.edu/students/fa/>

Residency

Residency Status for In-State Tuition

The resident application and approval process takes at least one year and requires that you fulfill a number of eligibility criteria. The UW Residency Office <http://www.washington.edu/students/reg/residency/index.html> has more information and can answer any questions you may have about residency eligibility and requirements.



Career Development

Will I be able to find work in the field of public health with a grad degree from UW Epi?

- Whichever degree you are pursuing, UW Epi will provide you with world class training
- Graduates from our program are globally recognized as skilled and knowledgeable epidemiologists

UW Core Programs Professional Development: <http://grad.uw.edu/for-students-and-post-docs/core-programs/>

- Provide advice and assistance with everything from clarifying professional goals to using social media for networking to exploring career opportunities

Faculty

- Our faculty are your best connection to the professional world of public health

Career Development

From a survey of recent Epi PhD graduates (26 respondents):

- 24 of 26 were employed in the field of public health
- 1 pursuing further education
- 1 unemployed due to relocation for spouse's continuing education
 - Example Titles: Post-doc, Assistant Professor, Research Scientist, Sr. Data Analyst, Epidemic Intelligence Officer
 - Example Organizations: WA State DOH, University of Washington, Seattle Children's Research Institute, CDC (Alaska), Montefiore Health System (NYC), Institute for Disease Modeling, Harvard TH Chan School of Public Health (Boston), Providence Center for Outcomes Research and Education (Portland)

Career Development

From a survey of recent Epi Master's graduates (35 respondents):

- 25 of 35 were employed in the field of public health
- 9 pursuing further education
- 1 employed as Data Analyst outside the field of public health
 - Example Titles: Special Projects Manager, Research Fellow, Epidemiologist, Physician, Project & Data Coordinator, Senior Data Analyst, Research Manager
 - Example Organizations: Northwest Healthcare Response Network, Public Health Seattle & King County, Fred Hutch, Save the Children, University of Washington, NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium

Enrollment

Steps to enroll:

- 1) Accept offer in application
 - April 15 deadline if offered funding
- 2) Pay confirmation deposit
- 3) Immunizations, insurance
- 4) Final transcripts
- 5) International Students: Visa
- 6) Register for classes
 - Fall registration for new students begins June 29



Info and updates will be emailed to you throughout spring and summer, including an advisor assignment.

Epi New Students page:

<http://depts.washington.edu/epidem/new-students>

Moving

Housing

- On-Campus options: Dorms, Family Housing, Shared apartments. See UW Housing and Food Services: hfs.washington.edu
- Off-Campus options: Sky is the limit!
 - <http://housing.asuw.org/> - Housing resource created by students connecting landlords and future tenants
 - <http://www.kcha.org/> - King County Housing Authority
 - <https://seattle.craigslist.org/> - Craigslist Seattle



Orientation

Fall 2017 classes begin on September 27

Orientation events during the 2 weeks prior

Required:

- Epi Orientation
- SPH Orientation

Strongly recommended (required for some):

- Lab Safety Training: required for MPH students and all students working in labs
- R workshop: skills required in Biostatistics courses
- RA/TA Conference (2-3 days): required for all RAs and TAs



Epi Student Academic Services (SAS)

For questions about logistics, enrollment, registration, and orientation, contact Epi SAS staff at epi@uw.edu

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For advice on funding or course planning,
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