

DOCTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH

PROGRAM UPDATE

Did you know?

Facts about the DrPH Inaugural Cohort

82%

Had 8+ years of professional experience

81%

employed full-time while in the program

55%

Finished their last university program > 8 years ago.

Dear Colleagues,

As the School's first professional doctorate, we will continuously evaluate the program's progress and adjust the program as necessary to ensure we provide students the best experience and we meet the call from the 2019-2024 Academic Plan to build "*a full life-cycle of public health and health systems education and moderniz[e] our delivery of education to meet the needs of today's and tomorrow's learners.*" Sincere thanks to all who have supported the program and we look forward to welcoming the second cohort this September.

- *Ted Witek*, Program Director, Doctor of Public Health

Latest Keynote Speakers



Dr. Michael Hilmer
Executive Director of Information Management, Data, and Analytics at the

Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care and Adjunct Assistant Professor spoke at our **Runway Series**. See his publication with Dean Steini Brown - [Read more here](#).



Dr. John Wiesman
DrPH Program Director at UNC at Chapel Hill, delivered a **DrPH Lecture Series**. John shared

his experiences as Secretary of Health in the State of Washington, including the issues surrounding identification of the first COVID-19 case in the US. [Watch here](#).



Dr. Meena Andiapaan

Assistant Professor at IHPME, delivered an **introduction to research on management and organizations;** foundations, historical development, current challenges and future directions.

MASTERCARD FOUNDATION

Within a new partnership between the MasterCard Foundation and the University of Toronto, DLSPH will receive funding support for public health students from Sub-Saharan Africa. The DrPH program will receive support for up to 25 students over a 10 year period. Further updates will be provided in due course.



SCHOLARSHIPS

Kim Harding has been awarded a 2021-2022 Ontario Graduate Scholarship in recognition of her academic achievement and plans to contribute to improving maternal and child health and nutrition in Canada.

EMERGING APPLIED RESEARCH PROJECTS

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