



BRANDEIS UNIVERSITY

# The Heller School

FOR SOCIAL POLICY AND MANAGEMENT

**MASTER OF SCIENCE  
IN INTERNATIONAL  
HEALTH POLICY AND  
MANAGEMENT**

KNOWLEDGE ADVANCING SOCIAL JUSTICE

THE HELLER SCHOOL

# Applying the power of knowledge to advance social justice in the world

At the Heller School, students and faculty are intensely focused on practical solutions to real problems affecting people in every corner of the world. Driven by a passion for helping others, our students choose Heller because we have global reach and resources, an exceptional faculty of thought leaders on the front lines of social policy and management, and a commitment to producing actionable research and analysis that move the needle of social justice forward every day.

For Heller students, the passion for change has already been ignited; our graduate degree programs give them the skills and tools they need to bring that energy to the problems facing individuals and communities around the world.

# MS in International Health Policy and Management: Making a better future for health care

Despite remarkable advances in science and medicine worldwide, women in developing countries are still dying in childbirth; children are still at high risk of death within the first days of life up to age 5; diseases such as HIV, tuberculosis and malaria require large health system investments; and the combination of communicable and noncommunicable diseases tax already limited resources, putting whole populations at risk. Heller's Master of Science in International Health Policy and Management (MS-IHPM) program prepares students to design, implement, manage, monitor and evaluate effective health care systems here and abroad. Heller students graduate with the skills and knowledge needed to make an immediate difference in the largest service industry in the world.

Heller's IHPM faculty includes world-renowned scholars and seasoned international development and health policy professionals. As passionate about teaching as they are in their direct efforts in the field, our faculty work closely with students as they continue their deep involvement in cutting-edge research, data analysis and program planning. Many have held key positions in such leading organizations as UNDP, UNICEF, UNFPA, UNIFEM, USAID, Oxfam International, the Ford Foundation, the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, Google.org, InterAction, World Education, John Snow Inc., Management Sciences for Health, Abt Associates and the Aga Khan Development Network.

# The Heller IHPM program at a glance

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## PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- + Accelerated nine-month program beginning in August
- + 32 total credits required; additional one-credit elective courses are offered
- + Focus on developing skills in the areas of health system strengthening, health economics, health policy and health management
- + International student body includes experienced clinicians and midcareer professionals who have worked in their home countries' health ministries and for NGOs and nonprofits such as the Peace Corps

## DUAL AND JOINT DEGREES

- + MBA/Master of Science in International Health Policy and Management: An intensive two-year program that requires 84 credit hours taken over five consecutive semesters, as well as an MBA Team Consulting Project (TCP)
- + MA-SID/Master of Science in International Health Policy and Management: A 21-month program that includes four semesters of study in residence at Heller, a field placement and a professional paper

## RANKINGS

Heller School

- + Best Graduate Schools in Social Policy (Public Affairs): No. 9, U.S. News & World Report, 2014
- + Most Coverdell Fellows in the Nation: No. 3, The Peace Corps, 2014

## **A RIGOROUS CURRICULUM WITH A GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE**

The core MS-IHPM curriculum covers three major areas: the design, financing and implementation of health systems and policy changes; analytical skills necessary to make such changes; and general public health knowledge. In addition, students can select from a variety of single-credit elective courses to deepen their understanding of specific areas of interest, such as pharmaceutical policy, quality improvement and leadership in developing countries.

While the MS-IHPM degree on its own can be earned in nine months, highly motivated students may opt for one of our two dual-degree options:

- + The MS-IHPM/MBA program enables students to develop the skills needed to mobilize people from diverse backgrounds and deliver quality services while using resources efficiently. Students learn to achieve organizational financial health and accountability while studying health policy with students from more than 30 countries around the world.
- + The MA in Sustainable International Development (MA-SID) and the MS-IHPM at Heller share social justice values as well as a program of study that integrates academic theory with practical, field-based methods and skills.

## **MS-IHPM VS. MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH**

Many students interested in Heller's MS-IHPM program may also be considering pursuing a Master of Public Health (MPH) elsewhere. While there are similarities between the two degrees, our program has a number of unique advantages. The MS-IHPM focuses on the quantitative and qualitative skills needed to analyze policies, along with the strong management skills required to implement them. From a practical standpoint, the MS-IHPM is typically completed in one year, while most MPH programs take at least two. The accelerated pace of the Heller program allows graduates to return to the workforce sooner, spending less time preparing and more time making a difference in the world.

## **INSTITUTE FOR GLOBAL HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENT**

One of the three Schneider Institutes for Health Policy at Heller, the Institute for Global Health and Development works in collaboration with the MA in Sustainable International Development and MS in International Health Policy and Management programs to conduct research and consult with leaders in fields such as international health, labor economics, agriculture and human rights. The faculty and students involved with the institute take part in dozens of international health and development projects, using both their theoretical and practical knowledge — as well as detailed research findings — to influence policymaking around the globe.



*“The health system is a very sensitive sector. At the policy level, you need to understand the underlying principles before proposing a solution or a change.”*

*Henrieta Madarova, MS’06, Partner, Advance Healthcare Management Institute*

## **CAREERS**

The Heller MS-IHPM program’s emphasis on strong management skills and design principles of health systems means graduates are thoroughly prepared for careers in both the public and private sectors, here in the United States or abroad. Heller graduates go on to fulfilling careers with influential development organizations, including USAID, the World Health Organization, the World Bank, Mercy Corps and other prominent NGOs. The exceptional Career Development Center at Heller connects students to a robust alumni network and provides invaluable support from the moment students enroll until they secure their first position after graduation.

## **ADMISSIONS AND FINANCIAL AID**

The Heller School seeks students who are committed to finding solutions to the world’s most pressing social problems. We intentionally select a diverse student body that reflects not only a variety of ethnic and cultural backgrounds but also a wide range of interests and professional and personal experiences.

To achieve this, we offer a number of merit-based scholarships. These include scholarships for alumni of national service programs in the U.S., such as AmeriCorps and Peace Corps. In addition, there are MS-IHPM scholarships specifically for international students. Nearly 100 percent of those who apply receive at least one form of financial aid.

## **BRANDEIS AND BOSTON**

Brandeis offers faculty and resources on par with any world-class research institution. Our campus is a beautifully landscaped oasis within the historic city of Waltham, situated only nine miles from the cities of Boston and Cambridge — easily accessible via a short drive or a ride on the commuter rail. Featuring a unique blend of the modern and the traditional, classic New England charm and international sophistication, the region is also a dynamic center of industry and innovation, academia and medicine, and arts and culture.

## **HELLER INSTITUTES AND CENTERS**

### **Schneider Institutes for Health Policy**

- + Institute on Healthcare Systems
- + Institute for Behavioral Health
- + Institute for Global Health and Development

### **Institute for Child, Youth and Family Policy**

- + Center for Youth and Communities

### **Institute on Assets and Social Policy**

### **Sillerman Center for the Advancement of Philanthropy**

### **Lurie Institute for Disability Policy**

- + Nathan and Toby Starr Center on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities

# Improving global health

After graduation, Heller students go on to fulfilling careers in both the public and private sectors, making a world of difference in organizations and communities both large and small. Here is a representative sample of where an MS-IHPM degree has taken our alums:

**Boston Medical Center**  
ELECTRONIC HEALTH RECORDS ANALYST

**Centers for Disease Prevention and Control**  
EPIDEMIC INTELLIGENCE SERVICE SURVEILLANCE OFFICER

**Dimagi**  
FIELD MANAGER

**EPOS Health Management**  
PROJECT MANAGER

**International Institute of Health Management Research, India**  
ASSISTANT PROFESSOR

**International Vaccine Institute**  
CHOLERA PROGRAM LEADER

**John Snow Inc.**  
REGULATORY COMPLIANCE SPECIALIST

**Management Sciences for Health**  
REGIONAL MANAGER

**Marie Stopes International, London**  
PROGRAM ADVISER

**Medecins Sans Frontieres (MSF)**  
EPIDEMIOLOGIST

**Partners in Health**  
MONITORING AND EVALUATION OFFICER

**PATH**  
TECHNICAL ADVISER

**Tufts Medical Center, Evidence Review Team**  
RESEARCH ASSOCIATE

**UNICEF**  
CONSULTANT

**United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS)**  
MONITORING AND EVALUATION OFFICER

**University of Massachusetts Medical School**  
PROGRAM COORDINATOR

**USAID**  
HIV/AIDS PREVENTION SPECIALIST

**World Bank — Myanmar**  
NATIONAL CONSULTANT

**World Health Organization (WHO)**  
NATIONAL CONSULTANT

Directors, senior advisers, program managers and healthcare specialists at different ministries of health globally

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### **Heller Degree Programs**

- + Master of Public Policy (MPP)
- + MBA in Nonprofit Management
- + MA in Sustainable International Development
- + MS in International Health Policy and Management
- + MA in Coexistence and Conflict
- + PhD in Social Policy

### **Dual and Joint Degrees**

#### *With Heller programs*

- + MA in Sustainable International Development/MA in Coexistence and Conflict
- + MA in Sustainable International Development/MS in International Health Policy and Management
- + MBA/MA in Coexistence and Conflict
- + MBA/MA in Sustainable International Development
- + MBA/MS in International Health Policy and Management
- + MBA/Master of Public Policy

#### *With Brandeis programs*

- + MA in Coexistence and Conflict/MA in Near Eastern and Judaic Studies
- + MBA/MA in Jewish Professional Leadership

- + MPP/MA in Jewish Professional Leadership
- + MA in Sustainable International Development/MA in Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies
- + MPP/MA in Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies
- + MBA/MS in Biotechnology
- + PhD in Social Policy/MA in Sociology
- + PhD in Social Policy/PhD in Sociology
- + PhD in Social Policy/MA in Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies

#### *With other universities*

- + MBA/MD from Tufts University School of Medicine
- + MBA/MBS (Master of Biomedical Sciences) from Tufts University School of Medicine
- + MA in Sustainable International Development/JD from Northeastern University School of Law
- + MA in Sustainable International Development/LLM from Northeastern University School of Law
- + MA in Coexistence and Conflict, University for Peace (Costa Rica)/MA in International Law and Human Rights