Global Health R&D Fosters Partnerships

Dollar for dollar, global health R&D is one of North Carolina’s best investments. Biomedical and global health R&D produces synergistic partnerships between universities, medical centers and local companies. Global health collaboration keeps North Carolina’s economy growing and improves the health of people domestically and around the world.

- The Research Triangle Park (RTP), a biotechnology hub located in Durham, is home to more than 80 biotechnology and life science companies and three large research universities in the surrounding area. RTP was fourth in the 2010 International Ranking of Emerging Biotech Hubs by Business Facilities for its infrastructure and network of scientific working groups. RTP is a global leader in drug development, contract research and testing, and vaccine development.

- The Triangle Global Health Consortium (TGHC), a collaboration between 16 academic institutions, nonprofit organizations and businesses, is dedicated to fostering North Carolina-based global health activities. TGHC hosts the annual Global Health Expo and organizes working groups to showcase members’ global health projects. Additionally, TGHC places interns at member sites and hosts its annual Case Competition for students.

- Intrahealth International is a Chapel Hill-based non-governmental organization (NGO) that began at the UNC-Chapel Hill campus. Today, this NGO works in more than 30 countries to strengthen the local health system and workforce. Intrahealth creates partnerships to address family planning and reproductive health; HIV/AIDS and tuberculosis; maternal, newborn and child health; and malaria.

- Futures Group is a global health consulting firm that provides insight and data-driven expertise in Durham to governments and NGOs in more than 30 countries. The firm works with the UNC Carolina Population Center’s MEASURE Evaluation project to improve population health data collection practices and strengthen monitoring and evaluation systems to improve health and nutrition.

- North Carolina campuses host many health initiatives. An NC State program, the Global Health Initiative (NC GHI), develops international partnerships that provide students and faculty with global health opportunities related to education, training and engagement. At Duke University, the Duke Global Health Institute (DGHI) has more than 215 interdisciplinary and innovative research projects in more than 40 countries committed to addressing global cardiovascular disease and obesity, emerging infectious disease, cancer, environmental health, mental health, health systems strengthening, and maternal and child health. The UNC-Chapel Hill Institute for Global Health and Infectious Diseases promotes global health research, teaching, and service activities across campus, supporting organizations like Engineers without Borders, Nourish International, and Proyecto Puentes de Salud.