

SPH 2020: Gillings Global Gateway
Global School Implementation Committee
Executive Summary
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GILLINGS GLOBAL GATEWAY
North Carolina Roots. Worldwide Reach.

The UNC Gillings School of Global Public Health has a distinguished history of global research, education and public service. This history dates to the School's earliest days, and our global activities have accelerated over the past decade. We are creating the Gillings Global Gateway to build on past accomplishments and strengthen our position as a 21st century global academic leader. Above all, our aim is to achieve even greater global impact, to anticipate the future and accelerate public health solutions. To achieve this vision, the Gateway will work with faculty, staff, students and partners to:

- ❖ Facilitate strategic global collaborations;
- ❖ Overcome barriers to faculty members' global research efforts;
- ❖ Attract top students from around the world to our programs;
- ❖ Accelerate implementation of effective programs;
- ❖ Use the latest in online and mobile learning technologies and other methods to teach globally and communicate our global capacity; and
- ❖ Support the concept that global is local, and local is global. In a time when pressing public health issues transcend national boundaries, we will find better ways to interconnect and share the best of our local and global research, teaching and practice in the service of humanity.

The Office of Global Health will be absorbed into the Gateway, which will integrate, organize and promote the School's global activities in four interconnected areas.

Partnerships. The Gateway will help us build and sustain robust, strategic partnerships with academic institutions, governments and nongovernmental organizations. We will streamline internal processes so that we can respond more quickly and effectively to global funding opportunities. We will work with units across the School and University and with our colleagues externally to identify and pursue advantageous strategic partnerships with targeted countries and institutions, develop more opportunities and logistical support for our international and U.S. students, and identify ways for faculty and students to connect with partners, alumni and each other for cross-cutting global work. We will contribute to UNC's strategy for globalization, working closely with key partners, including UNC Global and the Institute for Global Health and Infectious Diseases (of which we are a vital part).

Global Learning. The Gillings Global Gateway will enhance the School's global teaching and learning opportunities. We aim to increase the number of international students enrolling in our programs, attract more international faculty and researchers to our ranks, strengthen the global content of our courses, and expand our students' opportunities to learn and work abroad by matching them with international training, research and service opportunities.

Research to Implementation. The Gateway will strengthen the School's capacity to turn robust science into effective, real-world programs and meaningful policy action on a global scale. We will focus on critical global public health priorities for which the School has significant leadership strength and the potential to move from research to transformative solutions with sustainable global impact.

Communications/Networks. As part of Gateway implementation, we will build a dynamic, state-of-the-art Web portal to coalesce the School's global resources and opportunities in one easy-to-access site. We will establish a group of ambassadors from among our alumni and friends who can promote and accelerate our global work and serve as resources for our students. We also are developing a networking, communications and marketing strategy to foster closer connections, both internally and externally, and promote our global public health brand and capacity.