

# FAST FACTS



The University of Arizona  
Health Sciences

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## Mel and Enid Zuckerman College of Public Health



### MISSION

*The University of Arizona Mel and Enid Zuckerman College of Public Health is dedicated to promoting the health of individuals and communities in the southwest and globally with an emphasis on achieving health equity through excellence in education, research and service.*

- The Zuckerman College of Public Health was the first nationally accredited college of public health in the Southwest. Today, the college remains the only accredited college of public health in Arizona.
- The college's diverse student body puts it in the top 5 for the percentage of Hispanic/Latino students and for Native American students among schools and colleges of public health in the United States.
- The college is home to more returned Peace Corps Fellows than any other college at the University of Arizona.
- Graduates work in all 50 states and Puerto Rico, in 47 countries globally, and on six continents. There are 5,500 alumni worldwide.
- Total research funding for the college averages more than \$30 million annually.
- The college is organized into four departments with campuses in both Tucson and Phoenix.

### HISTORY

- In 1993, the Arizona Board of Regents approved the establishment of the Arizona Graduate Program in Public Health.
- In 1997, Mel and Enid Zuckerman committed to donate \$10 million over 10 years – the largest gift in UArizona history at that time – which helped pave the way to the establishment of the College of Public Health.
- In 2000, the Arizona Board of Regents voted to establish the College of Public Health at the University of Arizona.
- In 2002, Mel and Enid Zuckerman were honored for their financial support to the College and their commitment to the University of Arizona by naming the college the Mel and Enid Zuckerman College of Public Health.
- The Zuckerman Family Center for Prevention and Health Promotion was established as a CDC research center from 2004 to 2010. Today, researchers at the center continue to conduct lifestyle-based prevention research and support community-based wellness efforts designed to improve health and reduce disease risk in Southern Arizona.
- In January 2006, the college began holding classes in its new home, the Roy P. Drachman Hall building.

**Established:**  
2000

### Academic Programs:

Bachelor of Science  
Master of Science  
Master of Public Health  
Doctor of Public Health  
Doctor of Philosophy

**Research Funding:**  
\$30 million

### Research Focus Areas:

Health Promotion  
Chronic Disease  
Prevention and Control  
Environmental and  
Occupational Health  
Cancer Prevention  
and Control  
Family and Child Health  
Public Health Policy  
and Management  
Rural and Border Health  
Global Health  
Public Health  
Preparedness  
Epidemiology and  
Biostatistics



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# Zuckerman College of Public Health Fast Facts

- In 2009, the Global Health Institute was established to catalyze global health activity through international collaboration in education, collaborative research, training and public health outreach.
- In 2010, the Arizona Public Health Training Center was established with a \$3.2 million grant from the Health Resources and Services Administration to provide free training and continuing education to the public health workforce in the state. Since then, the Center expanded to become the Western Region Public Health Training Center and has received more than \$13 million to expand its trainings to cover HRSA Region 9, which includes Arizona, California, Nevada, Hawaii and the U.S. Affiliated Pacific Islands.
- In 2012, the Environment, Exposure Science and Risk Assessment Center was established to provide expertise to industry, the community, and researchers in the areas of human exposure science and risk assessment of chemical, biological and physical hazards for workers and communities.
- In 2016, the Zuckerman College of Public Health – Phoenix campus partnered with the Mexico Border Health Commission to establish the Primary Prevention Mobile Health Unit program, delivering free health screening services to underserved residents in Maricopa County.
- In 2016, the Zuckerman College of Public Health and Northern Arizona University received a \$5 million, five-year grant to establish the Center for Indigenous Environmental Health Research to address pollution and other environmental factors that contribute to health disparities among Indigenous communities.
- In 2017, the College established the Master of Public Health concentration in One Health, which trains students in the theory and application of a One Health approach to address complex public health challenges.
- In 2020, the college received a \$7.7 million grant from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to conduct a study, “Arizona Healthcare, Emergency Response, and Other Essential workers Surveillance,” or AZ HEROES, to evaluate the incidence of asymptomatic and symptomatic re-infection among Arizona’s frontline workers and to establish patterns of COVID-19 immunity over time. In 2021 and 2022, the CDC awarded researchers a total of \$37 million to continue the AZ HEROES study.
- In 2021, the College received a two-year, \$8.1 million grant from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for the Arizona Center for Rural Health to address COVID-19 disparities by improving the delivery of vaccinations, testing and information.
- In 2022, the College received \$7.5 million from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to participate in a national effort to track the impact of post-COVID-19 conditions in diverse populations of children, adolescents and adults.
- In 2022, the College opened the Center for Firefighter Health Collaborative Research, which works with firefighters and fire departments to study the occupational health risks that firefighters face. Center researchers gather data that will inform decisions, practices, and policies to keep firefighters safer and healthier.
- In 2023, the College received \$10 million from the Environmental Protection Agency to fund the Western Environmental Science Technical Assistance Center for Environmental Justice.

*The Zuckerman College of Public Health is part of the University of Arizona Health Sciences, one of the top-ranked academic medical centers in the southwestern United States. UArizona Health Sciences includes the College of Medicine – Phoenix, College of Medicine – Tucson, College of Nursing, Mel and Enid Zuckerman College of Public Health, and R. Ken Coit College of Pharmacy. In addition, 15 UArizona Health Sciences centers and programs focus on cancer, neurodegenerative diseases, pain and addiction, and respiratory diseases; biomedical informatics, health technology innovation and simulation training; and precision health care and health disparities.*



## Centers: 10

Applied Health Policy Institute

Arizona Center for Rural Health

Global Health Institute

Center for Firefighter Health Collaborative Research

Center for Health Disparities Research

Environmental, Exposure Science and Risk Assessment Center

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Zuckerman Family Center for Prevention and Health Promotion

Arizona Prevention Research Center

Western Environmental Science Technical Assistance Center for Environmental Justice (WEST EJ Center)

Western Mining Safety and Health Training Resource Center

Western Region Public Health Training Center

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