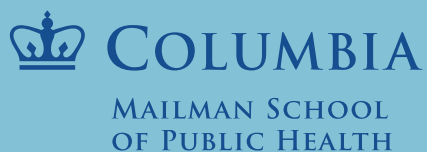


Heilbrunn Department of Population and Family Health (PopFam)



For five decades, the Heilbrunn Department of Population and Family Health has developed pioneering, evidence-based public health programs to serve global communities facing multiple inequities. Our faculty and students work in the New York City neighborhoods surrounding Columbia University and in a wide range of countries examining the legal, policy, and human rights dimensions of health.

Degrees offered

- MPH (two year, accelerated, dual, 4+1 programs)
- MS



The PopFam difference

- Our robust academic program combines theoretical understanding of the complex factors that affect local and global health with skills-based training that prepares students for roles as researchers, practitioners, policy advocates, evaluators, and leaders in their field.
- Students work closely with our interdisciplinary faculty and gain mentorship through teaching assistant roles, research projects, and programming. Faculty, in turn, look to students for research, advocacy, and program support.
- Join an extensive professional network of peers and alumni who are improving health and wellbeing for communities around the world.



The PopFam student

Our students are committed to social justice and improving the health and rights of underserved populations through health-related education, advocacy, program development and implementation, and research. Our students have demonstrated their commitment to action through professional work experience, internships, part-time research positions, community service, and leadership roles.

Hands-on experience

Practicum (APEX) opportunities for PopFam students include:

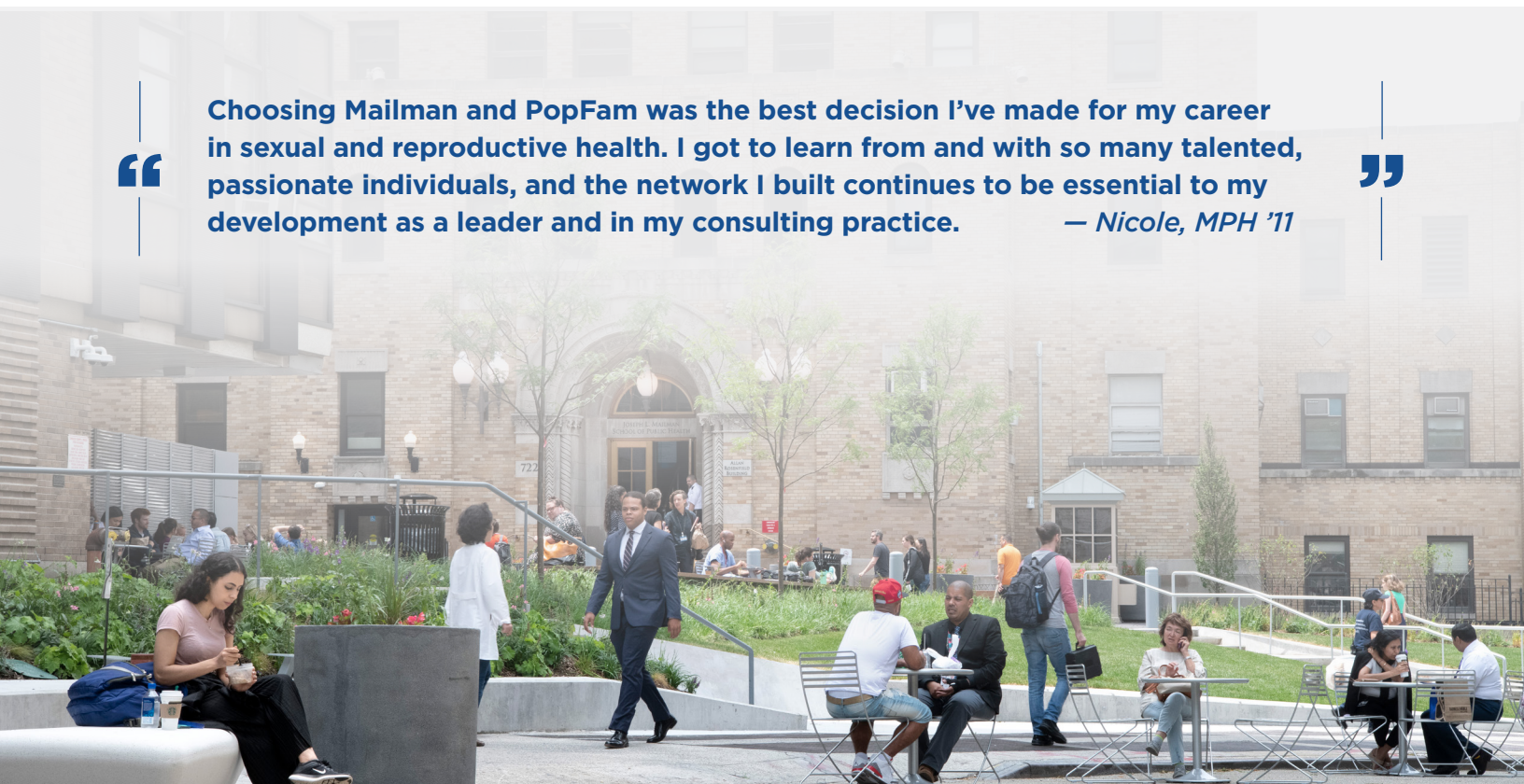
- Foodborne Disease Intern for the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene
- Racial Equity and Social Determinants of Health Researcher for the New York City Pandemic Response Institute
- Graduate Research Intern at Rakai Health Science Center, Uganda
- Community Engagement Intern at The Door in New York City
- Fellow with Fundacion Plenitud in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic
- Public Health Emergency Management Intern with the Eastern Mediterranean Public Health Network in Amman, Jordan
- Gender Equality Fellow at Save the Children

Leaders in the field

PopFam graduates are consistently employed by nonprofits and non-governmental organizations, at universities and research institutions, in many levels of government, and at hospitals and healthcare centers.

Choosing Mailman and PopFam was the best decision I've made for my career in sexual and reproductive health. I got to learn from and with so many talented, passionate individuals, and the network I built continues to be essential to my development as a leader and in my consulting practice.

— Nicole, MPH '11



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