Dear Incoming Class of 2018,

Welcome to the FHS MPH Program!

On behalf of the faculty and staff of the Faculty of Health Sciences (FHS), at Simon Fraser University (SFU), I extend my heartiest congratulations to each of you on your admission to the MPH Program and warmly welcome you to SFU and our Faculty, which is situated on the unceded traditional territories of the Coast Salish peoples of the xʷməθkwəy̓əm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish), and Səl̓ílwətaɬ (Tsleil-Waututh) Nations.

We know you have worked hard to get here and that your decision to pursue this degree program was not taken lightly, and is important for your chosen career path. We invite you to fully embrace the educational and cultural opportunities of our program and the interdisciplinary and cultural diversity of our FHS and broader SFU community.

Our Burnaby campus, where you will spend most of your time with us, is surrounded by natural beauty with many social and recreational opportunities to balance your studies, along with the cultural diversity and abundance of outdoor activities in Metro Vancouver. As one of Canada’s most community-engaged research universities, with three thriving urban campuses in Burnaby, Surrey and downtown Vancouver, SFU creates an exceptional learning environment that supports the dynamic integration of innovative education, advanced cutting-edge research, and fosters far-reaching community engagement to serve the people of British Columbia, Canada and the world: this is SFU’s vision, and you’re part of this ambitious future.

The MPH program is jointly supported by Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies and in choosing SFU, you join more than 5,000 current graduate students from over 100 countries across the world. You will have the opportunity to further your intellectual development and career opportunities at a university that is internationally recognized and ranked as one of the top institutions in the world. From its inception, the vision of the Faculty of Health Sciences has been to create a vibrant interdisciplinary environment that employs a “cell to society” approach to understand and impact health and wellness across the life-course, with an evidence based focus on addressing health inequities and social justice.

In 2010, the United States-based Council for Education in Public Health (CEPH) granted accreditation to the Faculty’s MPH, BA and BSc programs, making these the first public health-oriented programs in Canada to receive international accreditation. In 2016, our accreditation status was renewed for a further five years. Throughout these accreditation exercises, we have been involved in active curriculum reform to respond to critical student feedback and exciting advances in teaching and learning approaches in the field. This has resulted in an MPH curriculum that has a stronger consolidated core and that is more integrated. We also pay attention to self-directed and self-regulated approaches to our teaching and learning and are pleased to be extending our experiential opportunities for our students.

You will draw on the expertise of 53 academic faculty with national and international reputations for teaching and scholarly excellence, and a professional complement of 22 administrative and technical staff. We work closely with the Graduate Caucus to facilitate a peer supported experience that will involve your first-year cohort and the current second-year MPH students. You will also be introduced to a range of alumni who are embedded within public health to support networking and mentoring opportunities.
A key strength of our program is our rich engagement and relationships with our practice partners. This enables us to provide extensive and exciting practicum and capstone opportunities. These learning experiences with our diverse public health practice partners are key to providing you with the best possible preparation to enter the field of public health practice.

I’m confident you will enjoy your public health education at SFU. Never hesitate to let us know how you are progressing. I am privileged to be working with an active and very receptive MPH team that includes the Graduate Program Office, headed by Kellie Smith; Kate Carty, our Practicum Coordinator; and the various members of the MPH Committee that you will meet at our Orientation Day. During the first two semesters, you will also meet the instructors that teach in the Core Program and then move to engage with additional instructors as you take on your selective and elective course options. All of us are keen to hear from and engage with you as we seek to continually improve our program and your learning experience. We all look forward to welcoming you to the program in September.

Sincerely,

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FACULTY OF HEALTH SCIENCES

SFU's Faculty of Health Sciences offers one of Canada’s most comprehensive and integrated programs and has a strong reputation for producing world-class innovative research. Researchers and students from a broad spectrum of disciplines, spanning the humanities, social sciences, and life sciences, work together in a unique, non-departmentalized environment to encourage the study of health and disease from "cell to society" and to apply this work in the context of population and public health. The Faculty of Health Sciences is located in Blusson Hall of the SFU Burnaby campus. Faculty and staff offices, classrooms, and tutorial rooms are located on all three levels of Blusson Hall. The main office, or Dean’s Office, can be found on the 11000 level (third floor). The graduate program offices and the graduate student lounge are located on the 10000 level (second floor).

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MPH CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

The SFU MPH program emphasizes practice-based study using the integration of core public health knowledge to attain the skills required of a competent entry-level public health practitioner. The MPH curriculum is designed to meet the following core competencies: basic population and public health sciences; fundamentals of public health practice; the population and public health perspective; and the organization of population and public health systems and services. These core competencies refer to the essential knowledge and skills required for the successful application and practice of public health. Students will also gain additional knowledge and expertise afforded by in depth study in one of the following four areas of concentration:

- **Environmental and Occupational Health**: Protecting communities and workers from environmental factors that adversely impact human health and to maintaining the ecological balances essential to long-term human health and environmental quality.
- **Global Health**: Adapts and applies the skills and knowledge of population and public health to work in resource-challenged contexts, with a commitment to promoting better and more equitable health worldwide.
- **Population Health**: Health policy and planning for health care delivery, health promotion and disease prevention, and applied methods for assessing population health.
- **Social Inequities and Health**: Critical and reflexive research and practice that addresses health inequities related to poverty, racism, colonialism, sexism and other forms of structural inequality.

The culmination of the MPH program is the Master’s Project or Thesis. The Master’s Project requires students to synthesize and integrate the knowledge they have acquired in coursework and other learning experiences, notably the practicum experience, throughout their degree program. The culminating experience consists of the mentored preparation of a scholarly paper and successful presentation and defense of this paper before a faculty committee. The Master’s Project is normally completed by the end of the sixth semester, and students should plan to begin working on the Master’s Project in the fourth semester, upon returning from their practicum. Alternatively, students may elect to undertake a Master’s Thesis instead of the Master’s Project. The thesis option enables the student to develop and implement original research that addresses a research problem in public health from an interdisciplinary perspective. The Master’s Thesis normally requires an additional 2-3 terms at least to complete, and requires the approval of your faculty advisor and the Chair, MPH program.

All students enrolled in the MPH program must undertake a practicum as part of their graduate training. The 11-week practicum is designed as a unique opportunity for graduate students to learn how to apply public health concepts, methods, and theory in public health settings in Canada and globally. Designed to bridge theory and practice in a variety of public and community health settings, the Practicum is a planned, supervised and evaluated applied research or practice experience in which students are mentored and supported by qualified public health supervisors and faculty. The experience is designed to assist students in acquiring skills as a team player, problem solver, and effective communicator. Students will also have opportunities to apply the research process, to analyze qualitative and/or quantitative health data, and to deepen their knowledge in a particular area of interest or expertise. Normally, students within an area concentration must complete a practicum that is relevant to that concentration.
ORIENTATION

FACULTY OF HEALTH SCIENCES GRADUATE STUDENT ORIENTATION
The FHS Graduate Student Orientation will be held on Thursday, August 30 from 9 AM to 4 PM. Attendance at all parts of the orientation is required. The full schedule for the Orientation will be emailed to students two weeks prior to the date. Please plan to arrive prior to 9 AM on Thursday, August 30 Saywell Hall 10041.

If extenuating circumstances will prevent you from attending orientation, you must email Kellie Smith, Manager, Graduate Program, at kellie@sfu.ca at least two weeks in advance.

SFU GRADUATE STUDENT ORIENTATION
On Friday, August 31, Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies (GPS) will be hosting an orientation day for all new graduate students featuring interactive information sessions, campus and service tours, social events, and more. For more information and to register, please visit GPS events website. Students are strongly encouraged to attend.

STUDENT SOCIETES

FHS GRADUATE STUDENT CAUCUS
The FHS Graduate Student Caucus represents the voice of all graduate students in the Faculty. The caucus acts as a liaison between the student body and the Faculty and is responsible for voicing student opinions, organizing numerous student events, and supporting student initiatives. The Caucus works hard to create a sense of community within the Faculty and across campus for MPH, MSc, and PhD students in Health Sciences. For more information, please visit the FHS Graduate Student Caucus website.

SFU GRADUATE STUDENT SOCIETY (GSS)
The GSS is the student society and government for all graduate students at SFU, representing over 5,000 students in 37 academic programs at SFU’s Burnaby, Surrey and Vancouver campuses. The BC Universities Act recognizes the Society as the primary representative of graduate students in university affairs; through the collection of fees, the GSS provides a group benefit plan, grants and other funding, socials, student space, and support to departmental caucuses. The GSS also provides academic, professional, social, and recreational services to its members. For more information, please visit the GSS website.
LIBRARY & RESEARCH COMMONS

SFU Library's Research Commons supports the research endeavours of the University community, with particular focus on graduate students during all stages of the research lifecycle - ideas, partners, proposal writing, research process, and publication - and provides easy access to both physical and virtual research resources. The Research Commons contributes to the ongoing success of SFU’s graduate researchers by providing a comfortable and inspiring space and offering services which directly support research.

Graduate writing services at the library are an essential resource.

The Research Commons is located on the 7th floor of SFU Burnaby's W.A.C. Bennett Library and is equipped with:

- Wireless access
- Workstations
- Bookable group consultation rooms
- Areas for discussion and relaxation.

The Research Commons is the home of the Graduate Open Writing Lab and Thesis Boot Camp.

For more information, please visit the Research Commons website.

GRADUATE AND POSTDOCTORAL STUDIES

Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies is an invaluable resource for graduate students throughout their degree program. Please ensure that you are familiar with the GPS website, particularly information related to academic dates and deadlines, fees and funding, various forms you’ll need to submit throughout your time at SFU, managing your progress, and completing your degree. It is your responsibility to be aware of and adhere to the Graduate General Regulations, as these are the policies that govern all prospective and current graduate students at SFU.

Please complete the virtual orientation as soon as possible.
GETTING STARTED

COMPUTING ID
Students of SFU are required to sign up for a computing ID and SFU email address. The Faculty regularly sends important information to your SFU email address, so you must check it regularly or sign up for email forwarding to your personal address.

Once you have paid your tuition deposit, you should receive an automated email in mid-June with instructions on how to activate you computing ID via the mySFU Account Activation service. If you have not received the automated e-mail or experience issues activating your computing ID, please contact the Student Information Management Services help line at 778.782.3230 or help@sfu.ca.

The following is a quick overview of how to activate your account:

- Go to https://services.sfu.ca/cgi-bin/WebObjects/ITServices.woa/wa/AccountActivation
- Enter your 9-digit student number and your birth year/month/date. "Submit"
- Follow the prompts as required to activate your account

Your SFU computing account gives you access to all personal academic program information, course enrollment and grades, financial account information, tax receipts and other student services, many Internet services, including SFU’s electronic mail SFU mail (https://mail.sfu.ca), web browsing, netnews, library catalogues, and library services at SFU and elsewhere, plus hundreds of file archive sites where you can obtain free software.

**Please note that we will begin communicating with you through your SFU computing ID from July 9 onwards**

REGISTRATION
Simon Fraser University works on a tri-semester system: the Fall term (September to December), Spring term (January to April) and Summer term (May to August). Graduate students need to be enrolled every semester until completion.

Before registering for the first time, you will need to:

- Pay your $250 tuition deposit and
- Activate your computing ID.

Please note: Once you enroll in classes, the system will deduct the $250 from your semester’s tuition.

For step by step instructions on how to enroll: http://www.sfu.ca/dean-gradstudies/current/new_student_information/

For step by step instructions on how to pay your fees and tuition: http://students.sfu.ca/fees/howtopay.html#tuition

Enrolling in courses: Registration for Fall 2018 will open on July 9, 2018. To enroll in a course, you require the course number provided on the schedule of course offerings. All master’s students taking courses in the Faculty of Health Sciences will be registering in courses with an “HSCI” prefix. If you are
unable to attend the first week of classes, it is your responsibility to contact the respective instructors to
make sure you do not miss any important information.

**Adding and Dropping Courses:** Students may receive a 100% refund for dropped courses until the
deadline. For important dates and deadlines for every term, please visit: http://www.sfu.ca/dean-
gradstudies/current/important_dates.html

**Capped Courses:** There are some occasions where we restrict course enrollment. In those cases 2nd year
students requiring the course to graduate are given priority over those taking the course as an elective.

**Course Outlines:** For details about a course offering you can search ‘SFU course outlines’ in your
browser and check the [FHS current student webpage](http://www.sfu.ca/dean-gradstudies/current/important_dates.html)
which has the timetable for classes and a schedule of future course offerings.

**Course Textbooks:** Some courses will require the purchase of a textbook(s). The Bookstore in the
Maggie Benston Centre will have these books for sale on the lower level. Sometimes used textbooks are
available.

**TUITION & FEES**
Current tuition and fees are posted on the Office of Graduate Studies website. The MPH program is
listed as a specialty program.

**TYPICAL GRADUATE PROGRAM COSTS**
Tuition for the MPH program is calculated for 46 credits or units of coursework over five consecutive
terms. For a breakdown of typical costs to students refer to
http://students.sfu.ca/financialaid/costs.html

**UNIVERSAL TRANSIT PASS (UPASS)**
The UPASS program is a transportation package which provides students in Metro Vancouver with
universal and affordable access to public transit. The program is a partnership between Simon Fraser
University, the Simon Fraser Student Society (SFSS), the Graduate Student Society (GSS), TransLink, and
the Province of British Columbia and was approved through SFSS and GSS referendum.

SFU’s UPASS program is mandatory for all eligible undergraduate and graduate students. Students will
be charged the UPASS term fee to their student financial account the next business day after
registration. The U-Pass BC program provides unlimited, all zone access to public transit in Metro
Vancouver including TransLink Bus, SkyTrain, and SeaBus services and a discount on West Coast Express
Train fares, and is distributed via the Compass Card. For more information on the UPASS program,
please visit https://www.sfu.ca/students/upass.html.
IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE MPH PROGRAM

FACULTY ADVISOR ASSIGNMENTS
Students will be notified of their assigned faculty advisor at the start of the program. We attempt to match students with a faculty advisor based on the interests of the student as stated in the admission application. You are required to meet with your assigned faculty advisor within the first term to ensure that the assignment is a good fit. It is your responsibility to contact your advisor for a meeting. You and the advisor may decide to continue working together if there is a good fit, or you may decide to find another advisor.

You are required to finalize your choice of a senior supervisor for your program by the beginning of the Spring 2019 term. To do so, you must complete and submit the Approval of Supervisory Committee form to Jen Van Rassel, Graduate Program Secretary, in person to BLU 10703 or by email to mph_assistant@sfu.ca no later than January 31, 2019.

It is your responsibility to complete the form accurately and completely, including obtaining the signature of your senior supervisor indicating his/her support to fulfill this role. The form can be obtained from the Office of Graduate Studies website, under the Supervisory Committee Forms section: http://www.sfu.ca/dean-gradstudies/current/forms.html.

Role of the Faculty Advisor (Senior Supervisor)

The role of your faculty advisor is to support your practicum experience, to mentor you through your master’s project, to provide academic and professional advice, to remain informed of your academic progress in the program and provide support, and to help you with your course planning. Students electing to complete the Master’s Thesis as their culminating experience must obtain approval from their assigned advisor and the Chair, MPH Program to ensure that they are able to meet FHS thesis requirements. If the assigned advisor is unable or unwilling to supervise your thesis, it is your responsibility to find a suitable replacement advisor within FHS.

HSCI 801: BIOSTATISTICS FOR POPULATION HEALTH PRACTICE I

HSCI 801: Biostatistics for Population Health Practice I is a required course and a prerequisite for the practicum, and must be completed in the Fall term of your first year. If you would like a refresher in statistics prior to taking this course, we recommend a free self-directed, on-line course available through UDACITY. For more information, please visit their website for the ‘Introduction to Statistics’ course.

MINIMUM ACADEMIC PROGRESS

SFU Graduate Regulation states that “a student in a master’s or doctoral program is required to maintain a CGPA of at least 3.0. Failure to meet the minimum CGPA is evidence of unsatisfactory progress and the matter will be considered by the graduate program committee as required under the Procedure for the Review of Unsatisfactory Progress. Student progress is monitored closely, and a review of academic progress takes place after the self-serve registration deadline of every term. If students are not meeting the minimum CGPA requirement, they will be notified in writing with the required steps to achieve and maintain satisfactory progress as well as the implications for failing to do so. The Faculty is committed to the academic and professional success of all students, and you are strongly encouraged to speak to your faculty advisor if you are struggling so you can be advised of the supports available to you.
COURSE PLANNING

The below program plans by concentration are designed to assist you in planning your courses on a term by term basis. They are based on a full-time course load with a normal completion time of two years. FHS has released the course projections for the 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 academic years to aid you in planning your courses over the next two years. 2019-2020 offerings are tentative.

- **Course timetables** (select the applicable semester)
- **Future course offerings**

It is the student’s responsibility to ensure they are aware of prerequisite requirements for courses, as well as the program and concentration requirements necessary for graduation. Please note that you are required to take HSCI 900 in Fall 2018 term and HSCI 901 in Spring 2019 term. HSCI 801, 802, and 803 are normally prerequisites for HSCI 880 and must be completed in your first year of the program. For a full listing of HSCI graduate courses and the MPH concentrations, please refer to the SFU Calendar.

Students are strongly encouraged to seek advising from Kellie Smith, Graduate Programs Manager, throughout their degree if they have questions about course planning. At least two semesters before you plan to present, you should make an advising appointment with Kellie to ensure that you are on track to completion, as you have planned.

Advanced Standing refers to requesting transfer credit for a course taken previously in a related area of study. Courses requested for advanced standing must not have been counted towards a previous degree and must not be at the undergraduate level. Students must submit an Advanced Standing Request for each course they wish to request advanced standing for over the course of their degree program, available on the Forms & Links page of our website.

Course Substitution refers to the substitution of a **selective** course in a student’s degree program. Course substitutions for core MPH course requirements will only be considered in exceptional circumstances. Students must submit a Course Substitution Request for each course they wish to substitute over the course of their degree program, available on the Forms & Links page of our website. Students are limited to three course substitutions over their degree program if the course being considered will be completed through the Western Dean’s Agreement or Directed Studies.

We have identified curriculum overlaps between some of our undergraduate and graduate courses for Health Sciences undergraduate students pursuing a Masters of Public Health degree. If you have completed any of the following undergraduate courses from SFU with a minimum grade of A-, you are eligible to request a substitution for graduate level elective course within Health Sciences in place of the identified courses below.

**STAT 305/STAT 302** overlaps with **HSCI 801**
**HSCI 330** overlaps with **HSCI 802**
**HSCI 305** overlaps with **HSCI 827**

It is recommended that you take intermediate level Epidemiology/Bio-statistics (HSCI 804 & HSCI 805) because this area is core to public health practice. The total number of courses that you complete in the MPH program will remain the same.
If this affects you, you will need to submit a Course Substitution Request (available on the Forms and Links page). Please ensure that the courses you wish to substitute do not overlap with other required courses. It is possible also to take advantage of the Western Dean's Agreement. Please note that you are only able to apply three WDA courses to your MPH degree.

Directed Studies refers to enrollment in a course that enables students to work with a faculty member on reading or research project of mutual interests. Students must submit a Directed Studies Request as well as a syllabus for the proposed course. If the Directed Studies course is being used to substitute a selective course in your degree program, you must also submit a Course Substitution Request. The request forms are available on the Forms & Links page of our website.

Western Dean’s Agreement (WDA) refers to an agreement between Western Canadian universities that allows graduate students to apply to take courses at participating institutions. For more information and for a list of participating institutions, please visit the Western Canadian Deans of Graduate Studies website. Students will not normally be permitted to complete a course through the WDA when an equivalent course is offered by the Faculty of Health Sciences at SFU. For more information on SFU’s requirements for the WDA process, please visit Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies. An email will also be sent out every term with the WDA deadlines and process for the subsequent term.

**Note:** Student may take no more than three Directed Studies courses or Western Dean’s Agreement courses (in total) over their degree program.
COURSE PLAN: ENVIRONMENTAL AND OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH (EOH) CONCENTRATION

The objective of the EOH concentration is to train practitioners for practice, research, and leadership positions in environmental health. Environmental health sciences is a complex, multifaceted field dedicated both to protecting communities and workers from environmental factors that adversely impact human health and to maintaining the ecological balances essential to long-term human health and environmental quality. Environmental health is one of the largest areas of public health, comprising a large percentage of public health practitioners.

| FIRST YEAR |  |  |
|------------|---|---|---|
| FALL 2018  | SPRING 2019 | SUMMER 2019 |
| HSCI 801: Biostatistics for Public Health Practice I | HSCI 803: Qualitative and Survey Research Methods | HSCI 880: Practicum |
| HSCI 802: Principles of Epidemiology for Public Health | HSCI 827: Analysis of Health Care Systems |  |
| HSCI 845: Environmental and Occupational Health | Selective Requirement (Rec: HSCI 776 or HSCI 846) |  |
| HSCI 900: Core Concepts and Practice for Public Health I | HSCI 901: Core Concepts and Practice for Public Health II |  |

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See FHS website for a full list of requirements and options. There are two selective and two elective requirements.
COURSE PLAN: GLOBAL HEALTH (GH) CONCENTRATION

The Global Health concentration is intended to prepare professionals and graduates to become agents of change prepared to mitigate health disparities in a global context. This concentration adapts and applies the skills and knowledge of population and public health to work in resource-challenged contexts. This knowledge includes strategies for promoting health and preventing disease in socially and culturally diverse settings characterized by serious health inequities; identifying and challenging the power structures that produce poverty, inequality, and disease; analyzing issues of ethics and human rights as these apply to health disparities worldwide; and developing programs and formulating policy to change and enhance the performance of health systems.

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See the FHS website for requirements and a full list of selective and method courses that you can take. This concentration has a minimum of one methods course and two selective choices.
COURSE PLAN: POPULATION HEALTH (PH) CONCENTRATION

The Population Health concentration focuses on health policy and planning for health care delivery, health promotion and disease prevention, and applied methods for assessing population health. This concentration prepares established professionals and recent university graduates for positions of leadership in population and public health.

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COURSE PLAN: SOCIAL INEQUITIES AND HEALTH (SIH) CONCENTRATION

The goal of the Social Inequities and Health concentration is to prepare MPH students for critical and reflexive research and practice that addresses health inequities related to poverty, racism, colonialism, sexism and other forms of structural violence. Upon completion of the concentration, learners will have a commitment and capacity to advance theory, research, and practice that explains why systemic social inequities persist and how best to reduce their effects on population health.

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Teaching Assistant (TA) positions for each term will be posted on the FHS Employment Opportunities page, and an email will be sent to students once the competition is open. Before you apply for a TA position, you must consult with your senior supervisor and know the courses you plan to take in any given term to ensure there will be no conflict between the courses you are taking and the course you are interested in applying to TA for.

TA applications are completed online, and you must upload your CV, transcript, and cover letter in Word or PDF format. Incomplete applications will not be considered. You will also be asked by the system to provide components that are normally included in your CV - this information can be copied from the CV to the online application.

Only successful applicants will be contacted by email with an offer for a TA position in early August. It is the responsibility of the student to confirm their acceptance of the position by the stated deadline, or the position may be re-assigned. Some TA assignments are based on enrollment and, as a result, it is not unusual to be notified of a position after the start of classes. Undergraduate courses continue to enroll two weeks after the start of a semester.

Teaching Assistant contracts are normally 17 weeks and you need to be available for the entire duration of the contract. Faculty will be in touch with their TA to set up meetings that may take place before the official start of the term. Some lectures and tutorials start the first week of classes, and the instructor will expect their TA to be on campus and to attend lectures that week. TAs should not make any vacation or travel plans until they know their final examination schedule for the term to confirm whether they will be involved with the adjudication and grading of final exams. Because the contract is 17 weeks long, TAs are expected to be available to meet before the start of classes and to help grade exams. If there is an issue meeting the 17 week contract, a TA should be in touch with the instructor. If suitable arrangements cannot be made, the contract may need to be re-assigned.

On Friday, September 7, the Teaching and Learning Centre (TLC) will be holding an orientation for new and veteran Teaching Assistants. All students who have been assigned a TA position in the Fall term should plan to attend. For more information on this orientation and the Teaching and Learning Centre, please visit their website.

All Teaching Assistants are employees of SFU, and members of the Teaching Support Staff Union (TSSU). As a Teaching Assistant, the University pays 100% of the monthly premium for the Medical Services Plan (MSP) of British Columbia, 75% of the monthly premium for Extended Health Care Benefits (Pacific Blue Cross). Eligible employees must apply before the start-up of every semester for coverage through Human Resources (778-782-3237). The medical Services Plan Brochure provides benefit details, and is available from the MSP website.

RESEARCH ASSISTANT POSITIONS

Research Assistant (RA) positions will be posted on the FHS Employment Opportunities page, or an email will be sent to students if a position is available for application.
RESOURCES FOR YOUR HEALTH & WELLNESS

MEDICAL COVERAGE AND EXTENDED HEALTH BENEFITS
SFU requires all students to have basic medical coverage as a condition of their acceptance and for the duration of their studies. If you are a new resident to British Columbia, there is a three-month waiting period before coverage for the British Columbia Medical Services Plan (MSP) takes effect. We recommend all students purchase private medical insurance to cover this interim period. After you apply for MSP, the government will issue a BC Services Card which can be used when visiting a doctor.

As long as you meet the enrolment criteria, graduate students are automatically enrolled each semester in the extended health benefits plan through the Graduate Student Society. The enrollment criteria are: 1) You are a member of the Graduate Student Society (ie. paying fees); 2) You are a registered graduate student taking at least one course at SFU; and 3) You have basic medical insurance. For more information on graduate extended health benefits and opting out of the plan, please visit the I Have a Plan website.

Out-of-Province Students: Students who are not planning to take up permanent residence in BC may be able to keep their home provincial medical plan. Check with your home province. If you are not covered by your home plan there is a three-month waiting period before you are eligible for the BC Medical Services Plan.

HEALTH AND COUNSELLING SERVICES
Health & Counselling Services offers a variety of services to assist students, including health clinics, counselling, vaccinations, sexual health counselling, education and testing. For more information, please visit the Health & Counselling Services website.

NOTE: Please save the 24-7 emergency lines for each campus. Please save these numbers in your phones:

Burnaby campus: 778.782.4500
Surrey campus: 778.782.7511
Vancouver campus: 778.782.5252

Campus security & Safety and Risk Services has a number of programs and safety procedures to help students stay safe. Please familiarize yourself with these programs.

CENTRE FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES
SFU is committed to creating a welcoming and accessible community where all students can participate fully and are supported in realizing their potential. If you have a disability or medical condition that may affect your full participation at SFU, please contact the Centre for Students with Disabilities as soon as possible to learn about academic accommodations. Planning ahead and knowing your options is key to a successful first year. For more information, please visit the Centre for Students with Disabilities website.
INFORMATION FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

GUARD ME TEMPORARY MEDICAL INSURANCE PLAN
As a new international graduate student, you will be automatically enrolled in a mandatory 4 month primary medical insurance plan for your first term through guard.me@SFU. Please check your student account online at sis.sfu.ca to confirm if you have been charged for the plan fees.

This plan provides interim coverage during the waiting period for the BC Medical Services Plan. You must have coverage under the BC Medical Services Plan (MSP) if you will be a resident of BC for longer than 6 months. As soon as you receive your BC Medical Services Plan, you may be eligible for a refund of the unused portion of your guard.me@SFU insurance if you have not made a claim and there is more than 1 month of coverage remaining when you apply. Opt out online at https://www.guard.me/sfu

If you already have MSP (or acceptable equivalent coverage), you must opt out online before the end of the first month of your first term. Click here for applicable deadlines.

INTERNATIONAL SERVICES FOR STUDENTS (ISS)
The International Services for Students (ISS) office provides support and services for all students seeking information regarding a variety of international learning opportunities. Specific services and supports include: advising and programs for all degree-seeking international students and inbound exchange students; information about Exchanges, Study Abroad, and Field Schools; International Orientation; assistance with medical insurance, taxes, visas, work and study permits; and community engagement opportunities.

You are strongly encouraged to review the International Services for Students website, and utilize the services of their office staff regarding for any inquiries you might have. Please visit: http://www.sfu.ca/students/international/

EAL/ESL SUPPORT SERVICES
If you need or want to improve your written and spoken proficiency in English, the SFU Library (Student Learning Commons/Research Commons) offers a wide range of services for students.

- Graduate Writing and EAL Consultations (bookable individual consultations for support in the areas of writing, learning, and English as an Additional Language (EAL) and EAL/Academic Writing Workshops
- Let's Talk: English Conversation Group (weekly drop in conversation groups at Burnaby campus)
- Conversation Partners (VERY popular program providing the opportunity to practice conversational English one-on-one with an ongoing Partner. Currently accepting applications for the Fall 2016 waitlist)
- Speaking Consultations (bookable or drop in individual consultations to strengthen English conversation skills)

All graduate students benefit significantly from taking advantage of the Writing and Publishing support services (by Writing Coordinator, Renee McCallum and her team of Graduate Writing Facilitators) and ALL the other services provided for graduate students through the Research Commons.
Another beneficial program is the International Teaching Assistant Program. It's a free graduate seminar designed for teaching assistants and graduate students who speak English as an additional language. The seminar helps students' academic communication and teaching skills.

SFU's new Centre for English Language Learning, Teaching, and Research (CELLTR) will soon be located on the first floor of the West Mall Centre. CELLTR provides SFU students, staff and faculty with teaching and learning services that support them in SFU's multilingual environment. Check out their upcoming events.

SCHOLARSHIPS, AWARDS & BURSARIES

Graduate students are eligible to apply for a variety of financial assistance programs including entrance or continuing scholarships, graduate fellowships, awards, teaching and research assistant positions, bursaries, and loans. However, please note that all funding opportunities are highly competitive, and the majority of graduate funding at SFU is reserved or prioritized for research students. Professional students in programs like the MPH should be prepared to fund their program. Please carefully review the section on Tuition and Fees and typical program costs.

Most applications for internal SFU graduate funding will be submitted through the Graduate Awards and Application (GA3) system. It is the student’s responsibility to be aware of all application requirements, and to ensure that a complete application for any award, scholarship, or fellowship is received by the deadline. Incomplete or late application will automatically be discarded. Students may be notified by email when a competition is available for application submission but you should ensure that you check the GA3 system regularly for available competitions.

Financial needs-based graduate scholarships, bursaries and loans, including Government student loans, emergency loans and the Work Study Program, are administered by Awards and Financial Aid. If you have a government student loan or are looking for confirmation of enrolment to maintain your student loan, visit the Financial Aid and Awards loans page.

THE TD BANK GRADUATE BURSARY ENDOWMENT FOR HEALTH SCIENCES

The TD Bank Financial Group is committed to supporting Canadian students through bursaries, especially in the area of health education, and have established a substantial endowment for this purpose. Awards are allocated in any semester from a portion of the annual income earned from this endowment fund. Criteria for this award are:

1. Registration in a graduate program in the Faculty of Health Sciences at Simon Fraser University
2. Demonstrated financial need

To apply for a bursary, please refer to Awards and Financial Aid for Graduate Students or contact Financial Assistance at fiassist@sfu.ca. The award will be adjudicated by the Senate Undergraduate Awards Adjudication Committee.
STUDENT LINKS

Below is a list of some student services available to you. For a complete list and more information on these services, please visit: http://students.sfu.ca/index.html

- **Athletics and Recreation:** [http://www.sfu.ca/recreation/](http://www.sfu.ca/recreation/)
- **Bookstore:** [http://sfu.collegestoreonline.com/](http://sfu.collegestoreonline.com/)
- **Student Safety:** [http://www.sfu.ca/security/personal_security/](http://www.sfu.ca/security/personal_security/)
- **Centre for Students With Disabilities:** [http://www.sfu.ca/csd/](http://www.sfu.ca/csd/)
- **Indigenous Student Centre Lounge:** [http://www.sfu.ca/students/indigenous/](http://www.sfu.ca/students/indigenous/)
- **Health, Counselling and Career Centre:** provides a full range of services, including workshops for students preparing for jobs and practicum placements [http://www.sfu.ca/hccc/](http://www.sfu.ca/hccc/)
- **Housing and Residence:** [http://students.sfu.ca/residences/](http://students.sfu.ca/residences/)
- **International Students:** [http://www.sfu.ca/international.html](http://www.sfu.ca/international.html)
- **Parking Information:** parking@sfu.ca or phone 778.782.5534
- **Simon Fraser Student Society:** [http://www.sfss.ca/](http://www.sfss.ca/)
- **Transit:** [http://www.bctransit.com/](http://www.bctransit.com/)
- **UPASS:** [https://www.sfu.ca/students/upass.html](https://www.sfu.ca/students/upass.html)

NEED ASSISTANCE?

Kellie Smith, Graduate Programs Manager, and Jen Van Rassel, Graduate Program Assistant, will be available on Orientation Day (August 30) to answer any questions you might have about getting started in the MPH program. Please also feel free to contact either Kellie or Jen prior to the start of the program with your questions:

- Kellie can be reached by phone at 778.782.3831 or by email at kellie@sfu.ca.
- Jen can be reached by phone at 778.782.7036 or by email at mph_assistant@sfu.ca