Welcome to the world’s leading research-focused graduate school

The London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine is a world-leading centre for research and postgraduate education in public and global health.

We currently have over 1,000 Master’s and research students based in London and around 3,000 studying by distance learning. Our staff, students and alumni work in more than 180 countries worldwide.

The School was recently cited as the world’s top research-focused graduate school and is now among the world’s top 100 universities by reputation (Times Higher Education World Rankings 2014).
Working with partners worldwide

Our mission is to improve health and health equity in the UK and worldwide; working in partnership to achieve excellence in public and global health research, education and translation of knowledge into policy and practice.

The School has many world-leading centres, research groups and consortia, specialising in areas as diverse as malaria, tuberculosis, tropical epidemiology, non-communicable diseases, global mental health, mathematical modelling, evaluation of public health interventions, and maternal, reproductive, adolescent and child health.

Our work is funded by the UK research councils and government departments, the Wellcome Trust, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and many other charities and philanthropic trusts.
A brief history of the School

The School was founded by Sir Patrick Manson in 1899 at London’s Royal Albert Dock. In 1924, the School received its Royal Charter as part of the University of London.

In 1929, the art deco Keppel Street building was opened by The Prince of Wales. The School has continued to expand, and in 2010 we opened new buildings on Tavistock Place.

In 1950, Sir Richard Doll and Sir Austin Bradford Hill, working together at the School, published the pioneering report linking smoking with lung cancer, one of the world’s first randomised controlled trials.
Academic diversity

The School’s multidisciplinary expertise includes clinicians, epidemiologists, statisticians, social scientists, molecular biologists and immunologists. More than 600 academic staff work across our three faculties:

- Epidemiology and Population Health
- Infectious and Tropical Diseases
- Public Health and Policy

Our Director, Professor Peter Piot, co-discovered the Ebola virus, was founding director of UNAIDS and Under Secretary-General of the United Nations. He has published over 500 papers, articles and books.

Professor Jerry Morris (1910 – 2009), known as the ‘inventor of exercise’, was awarded an International Olympic Medal for his work on exercise and cardiovascular disease.
Our values

The School seeks to foster and sustain a creative and supportive working environment based upon an ethos of respect and rigorous scientific enquiry.

We embrace and value the diversity of our staff and student population and seek to promote equality as an essential element in contributing to improving health worldwide.

The School is an equal opportunities employer, a member of the Athena SWAN Charter for women in science, accredited by the Living Wage Foundation, a certified user of the Two Ticks Disability Symbol and a Stonewall Diversity Champion.

In 2009, the School became the first academic institution in the world to be awarded the Gates Award for Global Health by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.
World-class facilities

We are continuing to improve the School’s historic buildings and developing new world-class facilities in the heart of London. We are committed to environmental sustainability, have already significantly reduced use of energy, water and waste, and are on course to cut carbon emissions in half by 2020.

In partnership with University College London, we are now developing the Bloomsbury Research Institute, which will bring together one of the largest concentrations of infectious-disease researchers in the world. The Institute will have state-of-the-art laboratories for discovery research, and its translation into new tools for tackling infectious diseases.

In 1963, vaults under Gower and Malet streets were converted to insectaries, which now house extensive breeding populations. These include the world’s longest-established experimental mosquito colonies.
Support our work

Our vision is to be a world-leading school of public and global health, working closely with partners in the UK and worldwide to address contemporary and future critical health challenges.

This is only possible thanks to the generous support of funders who share our commitment to improving health worldwide.

For more information on how you can join us in this vital work, please contact William Friar, Head of Development, on +44 (0)20 7927 2630 or email william.friar@lshtm.ac.uk.