Tobacco Studies Program

Background & Purpose
The UW Tobacco Studies Program (UW TSP) provides health sciences students and health professionals with the knowledge and skills necessary to understand and address the national and global tobacco epidemic. The UW TSP strives to remain accessible to current and future allied health professionals, creating opportunities that promote collaboration and foster integrated tobacco cessation and prevention efforts across multiple disciplines.

The UW TSP was first established in 2002 with funding from the American Legacy Foundation’s STEP-UP Initiative (2002-2005) in collaboration with the Association of Schools of Public Health (ASPH). The goal of the project was to increase the capacity of accredited public health schools to produce professionals with a focus, dedication and expertise in the field of tobacco prevention, policy, treatment, and research, thus building a workforce for tobacco control into the future. Since 2005, the UW TSP has received additional funding and support from the Washington State Department of Health, the UW School of Public Health - Department of Health Services, Public Health-Seattle & King County, and independent medical education and foundation grants.

Program Components
Housed within the Department of Health Services at the School of Public Health, the UW TSP provides an integrated, multi-departmental program focused on the prevention and treatment of tobacco use and related diseases. The program includes two courses, a scholarship program, journal club, listserv and website.

Tobacco & Public Health (HSERV 558)
A 1-3 credit course offered in Spring quarter that is open to graduate students in the fields of medicine, public health, policy, law, pharmacy, nursing, social work and other allied health and social sciences.

Tobacco-Related Health Disparities (HSERV 556)
A 1-2 credit online seminar-style course, created in collaboration with the UW School of Social Work and the Washington State Department of Health Tobacco Prevention and Control Program, and offered Fall, Winter & Spring quarters.

Tobacco Studies Journal Club
A non-credit seminar that meets once or twice per quarter to discuss articles on tobacco-related topics. The seminar is led by TSP student scholars, providing an opportunity to develop research analysis and presentation skills.

Tobacco Scholars Fellowships (up to $1000) & Career Development Stipends (up to $500)
Provides opportunities for students to gain experience with tobacco control agencies or research projects, fostering a broader understanding of tobacco prevention, cessation, research and/or policy. Graduate students pursuing a master's degree in any of the School of Public Health departments or other UW Schools are eligible to apply. UW doctoral students may apply for the career development stipends only. Application deadline is in late October.

Tobacco Interest Listserv
A moderated email list to share information about tobacco-related courses, seminars, meetings, forums and events. To subscribe, visit http://depts.washington.edu/tobacco/interest

Practicum & Thesis/Capstone Opportunities and Mentorship
The TSP is able to connect students with faculty and other resources for practicum and thesis/capstone projects related to tobacco prevention, treatment, and policy via the University, health departments and/or other research and practice organizations.

Contact
For more information, or to apply for a Tobacco Scholars Fellowship or stipend, please visit our website or contact:

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Announcing the 2013 UW Tobacco Studies Program

**HSERV558 Tobacco & Public Health:**
*Prevention, Treatment, Policy & Social Change*

**Spring quarter only**
1-3 credit options ~ Wednesdays 12-1:20 pm

Topics include: *Public health impact, global health, epidemiology, health economics & policy, product regulation & harm reduction, corporate influence & counter-marketing, addiction & treatment*

**HSERV556 Health Disparities:**
*The Case of Tobacco*

**Fall, Winter and Spring quarters**
1-2 credit options ~ Online only

*Interdisciplinary perspectives for addressing the issue of disproportionate tobacco use and related diseases among vulnerable and marginalized populations.*

Graduate students from all health and social sciences, as well as undergraduate public health majors, welcome!

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