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Mailman School Office of Student Affairs

The Office of Student Affairs leads a portfolio of comprehensive educational services for students that reflects the aspirations of the Mailman School. We support the School's values through student services and financial assistance and in the recruitment and retention of a diverse student body. We also contribute to the education of our students through co-curricular learning tools and programs which enhance opportunities while at Mailman as well as the careers that follow.

Admissions

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The admissions team helps students navigate the admission and/or readmission process by informing students of the materials that are required to complete their application, offering advice on how to assemble a competitive package, and following up to ensure that materials are submitted on time. The admissions staff consists of the director and two officers, one who oversees the recruiting process and major events and the other who oversees the application and admissions process.

Financial Aid

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The financial aid office provides information and guidance on funding a Mailman School education. These services include assistance with completing forms, clarification of financial aid packages, identification of outside funding sources, budget counseling, explanation of the repayment options available, and overall financial literacy. The financial aid staff consists of the director, associate director, financial aid officer, and financial aid counselor. The team offers individual as well as walk-in appointments to review students' financial aid packages. In addition, a series of workshops is conducted on various topics to help promote prudent borrowing and fiscal literacy.

Academic Advising

Students will visit the Office of Student Academic Affairs and Student Life to ensure they are completing the program as expected. This department provides guidance related to adding/dropping classes, changing programs and/or certificates, maintaining acceptable academic progress, and monitoring and managing degree audit for graduation.

The Director, along with the entire team, monitors students' academic progress and intervenes to assist students when they are not meeting their full academic potential. Students are strongly encouraged to meet with the Director prior to a personal crisis manifesting into academic problems. Whether students are experiencing significant life events, personal or family health issues, conflicts with faculty or peers, or anything that disrupts their ability to maintain balance between school and life, the Director is the person to see to assess the situation and develop solutions.

Student Life

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Student group advising and co-curricular program is managed by the Assistant Director and Coordinator of Student Life and Engagement. They advise the Graduate Student Association (GSA) and the over two-dozen student groups at Mailman. This team supports the programming endeavors of those groups while also developing their own unique, co-curricular programs and initiatives within the School and the community. This team plans and conducts new student orientation. They also organize the annual boat cruise and discounted trips to Broadway shows and Knicks games. In addition, this department works with the leadership of Mailman's student groups and GSA to support their leadership development and programming efforts. There is also extensive collaboration with Career Services and alumni at Mailman and the Center for Student Wellness at CUMC to produce programming that support students during their time at Mailman and into their careers in public health.

Administrative Needs

The Associate Director of Finance and Administration and the Assistant to the Dean of Students help students schedule a time to meet with dean and assist those who take advantage of the student conference travel fund or participate in a student group, to provide guidance and assistance in managing the financial processes involved in engaging in these activities.

Finally, the front desk staff direct students to the proper individuals who can assist them with their inquiries; they possess knowledge of the Medical Campus and Columbia University and can refer students as necessary.

Mailman School Office of Career Services

The Office of Career Services (OCS) is committed to supporting Mailman School students and alumni with the career education process. Our services and resources are designed to:

1. Help you develop and refine your career exploration and career management strategies;
2. Provide infrastructure to support successful job searches, both while you are attending school and after graduating; and
3. Effectively market you and the School to many different employers.

We encourage students and alumni to:

- Schedule an appointment with a staff member for career counseling, resume review, practice interview, networking strategy, salary negotiation, etc.
- Attend our events, including workshops, employer presentations, and career fairs
- Log in to our [Mailman CareerLink job database](#), which houses:
 - Job and internship listings from employers who specifically are recruiting Mailman students and graduates
 - A directory of over 2,600 employer contacts
 - Over 182 downloadable handouts, videos, hyperlinks, and resources, including specific job search tips for particular sectors and interests, lists of post-graduate fellowship programs and more
 - The ability to schedule appointments with career services staff members
 - A calendar of career events
- Read our Career Handbook, over 130 pages of career information, at tinyurl.com/ocshandbook2015
- Watch our video channel of recorded workshops at tinyurl.com/ocsworkshops
- Visit our Resource Room at 722 W. 168th St, Suite 1003, which houses a career reference library, computers, printer, fax, scanner and copier as well as a dedicated landline and Skype for phone and web-based interviewing
- Review our [web pages](#) to become familiar with our career management services and resources, ranging from resume critiques to tips for negotiating job offers
- Read our OCS Weekly Announcements e-newsletter of featured jobs, fellowships, internships, and events
- Connect with our alumni network, including our CareerLink Alumni Network, recent graduates database, and [LinkedIn group](#)
- Take advantage of reciprocity arrangements with other career services units at accredited public health schools nationally, if relocating

Our office is located in the Allan Rosenfield Building at 722 W. 168th Street, suite 1003. To contact us, e-mail either [Heather Krasna](#), Assistant Dean and Director, Career Services, [Liz Sung](#), Associate Director of Advising and Programs or [Asha De Costa](#), Senior Career Services Coordinator.

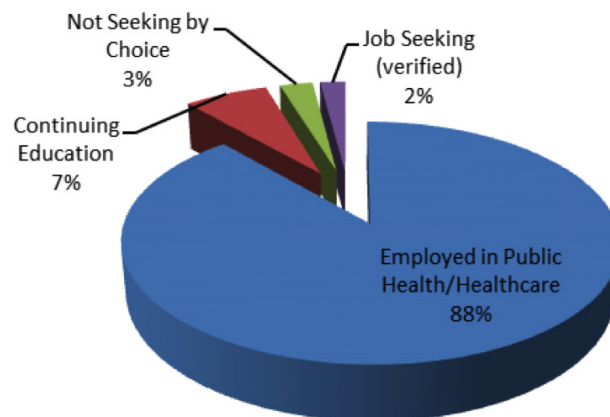
Post-Graduate Outcomes for Epidemiology Graduates

Students are frequently very interested to learn about where other graduates have obtained employment after graduation. The Office of Career Services conducts a postgraduate survey of all graduates in order to gather this information. (When you graduate, please be sure to fill out the survey.)

Our most recent employment statistics are from the class of 2012-13 (October 2012, February 2013, and May 2013). In line with the standards of career services in higher education, we report the outcomes as of six months after graduation (as of Dec. 2013). Surveys were sent approximately 8 times to non-responders; with follow-up surveys sent 6 months post-graduation. There were 300 survey responses, and 88 additional responses were collected by asking department academic program liaisons and faculty, using LinkedIn to gather valid employment information, and collecting ad-hoc data from OCS student meetings.

As a School, our employment outcomes are very favorable, with 96% of graduates being employed, continuing their study, or not job seeking by choice; 2% job seeking; and 2% lost to follow up.

Overall Employment Outcomes (School-Wide), n=492, 6 Months Post Graduation



Overall Salaries

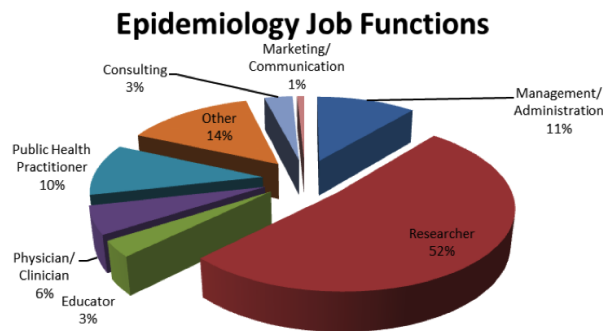
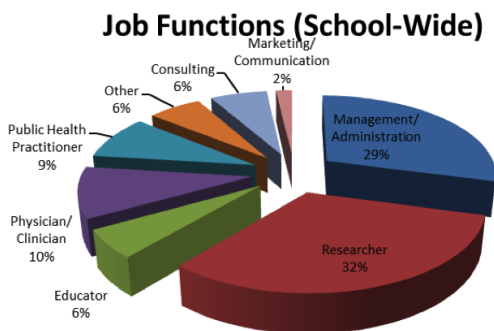
In 2012-13, 212 Students reported salaries. Salaries were reported by range. Part-time and international currency salaries were excluded. If ranges were estimated at the mid-point (i.e. \$80-90,000 is assumed to be \$85,000), then:

- The Overall Mean salary for the School was: \$66,333
- The Overall Median salary was: \$65,000

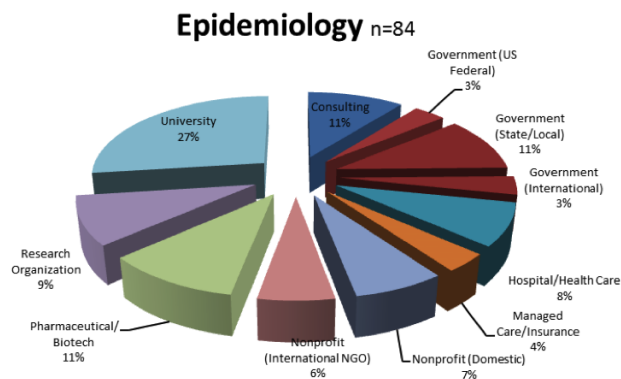
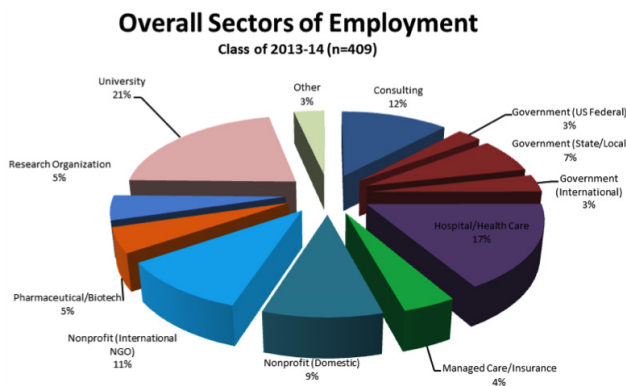
Average Salary by Sector

- Consulting: \$71,842
- Government: \$56,579
- Health Care Service Organization/Hospital: \$64,219
- Nonprofit/NGO: \$60,740
- University or Research Organization: \$66,630
- Other For-Profit (Pharma/Biotech, Managed Care, IT, Marketing): \$78,947

In terms of job functions, Epidemiology students were more likely to take on research positions.



In terms of “industry” or sector of employment, Epidemiology students were more likely to take on positions in government, university settings (jobs in universities also included positions within research hospitals such as Columbia University Medical Center), and the pharmaceutical industry, and less likely to work in other for-profit sectors such as insurance, consulting firms, or marketing firms.



Here are some examples of positions Epidemiology graduates took on after graduation, organized by the degree the graduate had received at the Mailman School:

MPH

- Albert Einstein College of Medicine/Yeshiva University, IRB Specialist
- Arizona Dept of Health Services, Epidemiologist Specialist II
- Becton Dickinson, Senior Analyst, Health Economics/Outcomes Research
- CDC, Epidemic Intelligence Service Officer
- ClinTec International, Novartis Vaccine and Diagnostics, Clinical Vaccine Management Expert
- Columbia University, Global Mental Health Fellow
- FDNY, Biostatistician
- Genentech, Associate Epidemiologist
- Gilead Sciences, Clinical Research Management Associate
- Johnson & Johnson, Post Market Safety Surveillance Analyst
- LA-SER Analytica, Analyst, Global Outcomes Research & Pricing
- Minnesota Department of Health, Research Analyst Specialist
- NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, Field Epidemiologist
- Public Health Research Institute, Research Associate III
- USAID, Personal Service Contractor

MS

- Columbia University Medical Center, Infectious Disease Fellow
- Columbia University-Sergievsky Center, Postdoc Research Scientist
- CUMC, Postdoc Neuroepi Fellow
- Dalhousie University, Assistant Professor/Consultant

PhD

- Albert Einstein College of Medicine, Postdoctoral Research Fellow
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Epidemic Intelligence Service Officer
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)/National Center for Health Statistics, Postdoctoral Researcher
- Columbia University, Associate Research Scientist
- Columbia University, Primary Care Internal Medicine, Clinician-Educator

Here is a list of some of the schools where Epidemiology students went for further study, and the degrees they pursued:

- MS, Medical Sciences, Boston University
- PhD, Epidemiology, Columbia (2)
- MS, Biomedical Science, Mount Sinai School of Medicine
- DO, NYIT College of Osteopathic Medicine
- MBS, Biomedical Sciences, UMDNJ/RWJMS/Rutgers – Piscataway
- DDS , UCSF
- PhD, Biomedical and Health Informatics, University of Washington
- MD, West Virginia University

Off-Campus Dining Options

There are plenty of cafes and restaurants to eat at around Washington Heights. The neighborhood is especially known for its great Caribbean and South American food. Sushi, deli food, Chinese, and great bagels are also here, along with two bustling farmers markets.

Quick bite: within two blocks

- Coogan's, A good place to grab a drink after classes, with a selection of typical bar food appetizers. 4015 Broadway between 168th and 169th.
- Chipotle Mexican Grill, A gourmet burrito and taco chain that uses high-quality raw ingredients. 4009 Broadway near 168th.
- Famiglia Pizza, A NYC chain that serves up pizza slices to go and does delivery. 4020 Broadway. Corner of 169th and Broadway.
- Hilltop Perk, Coffee, sandwiches, sushi, snacks and even frozen yogurt located in the lobby level of Hammer and Allan Rosenfield Building main floor.
- Jou Jou, Soups, sandwiches, choose-your-own salad bar, and coffee. Cash only. 603 W. 168th Street.
- Mike's Bagels, NYC style bagels and coffee. 4003 Broadway b/w 168th and 169th.
- Prestige Café and Deli, Open 24/7 and offers 10% off for CU students. 228 Ft Washington Avenue.
- Starbucks, the omni-present chain, has 2 outposts in the Heights for all of your coffee needs. In the Barnes & Noble bookstore at 711 West 168th, and at 4001 Broadway, at 168th.
- Subway Restaurant. Corner of 169th street and Ft Washington.
- University Deli, Sandwiches, snacks, and a great hot and cold salad bar. Open 24/7. 603 W. 168th Street.

Take a stroll: within five blocks

- Antika Pizzeria, Italian place that gets decent reviews. 3924 Broadway between 165th and 164th.
- CarrotTop Pastries, Pastries and cakes. Try the delicious carrot muffins. 3931 Broadway near 165th.
- Como Pizza, Pizza and hero sandwiches. 4035 Broadway, near corner of 170th Street.
- Dallas BBQ, This barbecue chain is known for its ribs and giant cocktails. Show up hungry. 3956 Broadway at 166th.

- El Presidente, Caribbean and Latin American food with cheap \$6 lunches like pork shoulder and roasted chicken with rice and beans. 3938 Broadway between 166th and 170th.
- Empire Szechuan Noodle House, Pan-Asian variety, with a cheap lunch special (\$5.95-\$6.50). 4041 Broadway, at 170th.
- GoGo-Gi, A small restaurant that serves up Korean food. Broadway, between 163rd and 164th.
- Tasty Deli, People love the sandwiches at this deli, which serves up the classics as well as their own originals. 4020 Broadway, between 169th and 170th.
- Koronet Pizza, The beloved Morningside Heights giant pizza spot has opened up in Washington Heights. 4087 Broadway between 172nd and 173rd.
- Marcha, A Spanish/English restaurant that serves up tapas and hosts live music. 4055 Broadway near 171st.
- Reme Restaurant, Diner food, especially good for breakfast. 4031 Broadway between 169th and 170th.
- Tung Thong Thai, Long list of Thai options with filling lunch specials (\$7-\$8). 561 W. 169th St between Broadway and Audubon.
- Wahi Diner, Diner classics open 24 hours! 3915 Broadway near the corner of 164th.

Food adventure: within 10 blocks

- Malecon, Caribbean food with \$7 lunch specials that include pork ribs and codfish stew. 4141 Broadway at 175th.
- Manolo Tapas, Hot and cold tapas, paellas, and other Spanish food. 4165 Broadway at 176th.
- Pick N Eat, Healthy food, including choose-your-own salads, and paninis, as well as wood-burning oven pizza, pastries, juices, and coffee. 4179 Broadway at 177th.
- Tipico Dominicano, Dominican sit-down restaurant. 4172 Broadway at 177th.

Around NYC

Museums

Metropolitan Museum of Art (metmuseum.org), one of the world's largest art museums.

Cooper-Hewitt National Design Museum (cooperhewitt.org), housed in Andrew Carnegie's former mansion and devoted to historic and contemporary design.

Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum (guggenheim.org/new-york) a famous contemporary art museum housed in one of the city's most unique buildings, which was designed by Frank Lloyd Wright.

The Museum of Modern Art (moma.org) One of the world's best known modern and contemporary art museums. Visit the main museum in Midtown Manhattan or MOMA PS1 (ps1.org), its satellite exhibition space in Queens.

American Museum of Natural History (amnh.org) World-renowned scientific collections and exhibits on Manhattan's Upper West Side.

New York City Tenement Museum (tenement.org) Learn about the history of immigrants in New York at a former tenement home on the Lower East Side.

Close to campus on Broadway and West 155th St. is the free Hispanic Society of America Museum (hispanicsociety.org), which features archaeology, paintings, sculpture, and textiles from early Spanish history to modern day.

Also near campus is The Cloisters (metmuseum.org/visit/visit-the-cloisters), which is devoted to medieval European art and architecture. Don't forget to take a stroll around the site of the museum, beautiful Fort Tryon Park, (nycgovparks.org/parks/forttryonpark) which overlooks the Hudson River.

Walking tours

Want a tour of some of NYC's distinct neighborhoods? Check out one of the city's many walking tours. (gonyc.about.com/od/toursbr/New_York_City_Walking_Tours.htm)

Restaurants

New York features some of the world's best restaurants.

For more information on restaurants, visit Chowhound (chowhound.chow.com/boards/18), Zagat (zagat.com/newyork), Yelp (yelp.com/nyc), and New York Magazine (nymag.com/restaurants).

To learn more about tours, restaurants, museums, and nightlife, visit Time Out New York (newyork.timeout.com), New York Magazine (nymag.com/visitorsguide), or the city's official tourism site (iloveny.com)

Campus Wireless and Study Spaces



Wireless locations and connecting

Mailman School of Public Health Allan Rosenfield Building (722 W. 168th)

- Connection available throughout building

Hammer Health Sciences Center

- Lower Levels I and II - Teaching and Learning Center
- 1st through 4th floors
- 10th floor
- Outside coverage: Hammer Steps and Sidewalk

For wireless internet access, log on to guest-net. Guest-net does not require special configuration or login. Your computer can connect by selecting "guest-net" from the list of networks your computer's wireless card sees within range.

Once your computer has connected to guest-net, open your web browser. The browser may display a warning page about the website's security certificate as it is connecting to the guest-net entry page. Be sure to select the link to "Continue to this website" in order to see the Terms and Conditions and Acceptable Use for the Wireless Guest Network website. You must select "I Agree" at the bottom of the page in order to use guest-net.

Study spaces

The following study spaces are available for use in the Hammer Health Sciences building:

Augustus C. Long Health Sciences Library

The library is located on the lobby level of the Hammer building. Computers in the library can be used to access journals that the university subscribes to. library.cumc.columbia.edu

Library Lobby Level

The lobby level of the Health sciences Library is a good place to study or meet. This space is open during library hours, and computers are available for use. Food and drinks are permitted.

Lower Level 1 Reading Room

The Reading Room is located in room LL112 on Lower Level 1. This room is connected to the library and library stacks through a stairway located in the library in the northeast corner of Hammer.

Lower Level 1 Lounge

The Lower Level 1 lounge is located in room LL104. (Near the Haven Ave. entrance.)

24-Hour Computer Lab / Study Room

This lab is located right next to the library entrance on the Lobby Level of Hammer. The rear of the computer lab you will find the entrance to a 24-hour quiet-study space.

The following study spaces are available in the Allan Rosenfield MSPH building:

Hess Commons

Hess Commons on the lobby floor is available as study space when a class or event is not taking place.

Lounge

The lounge, right off of the lobby, is available as study space. It also has a microwave available for use.

