

# MASTER OF Public Health

📍 Bhopal

🎓 Full-time





## About the Programme

India is facing multiple health challenges concurrently, due to the burden of growing non-communicable and infectious diseases, persistent malnutrition, and health risks due to environmental degradation and climate change. Although we have made progress on select health indicators, people's ability to seek medical treatment and a healthy life varies significantly across population groups due to social inequalities. Factors beyond health, such as the availability and affordability of nutritious food, clean air, water, and sanitation facilities pose a great burden on the health of vulnerable populations.

Azim Premji University's Master of Public Health (MPH) programme aims to contribute to this by enabling professionals to develop a grounded understanding of public health challenges in India embedded in a commitment towards the values of equity, rights, and social justice. It is designed for professionals with medical or non-medical background, who are interested in tackling some of India's biggest public health challenges.



## Why Study at Azim Premji University?

The programme helps participants develop competencies for programme design and implementation by the state, NGOs, and other social sector organisations. It strengthens capabilities related to research, communication, and advocacy. It prepares students to imagine new initiatives and actions by identifying and leveraging opportunities for intersectoral action.





## Programme Structure

Our MPH programme is a two-year, full-time postgraduate degree programme. It is organised in four semesters with field engagements taking place throughout the semesters and during the breaks between the semesters.

## Core Courses

- What is public health: perspectives, ethics, and values
- Health as social phenomena
- Intersectoral approach to public health actions
- Disease profiles and health programmes in India
- Programme planning, implementation, monitoring & evaluation
- Health economics and financing
- Civil society interventions in health
- Understanding health systems and policy
- Evidence for public health
- Applied epidemiology
- Social research methods in health

## Electives

Students will have an option of selecting electives out of a diverse offering of courses. The elective course offerings will vary from year to year and will cover topics such as mental health, gender, health and rights, comparative health systems, advanced research methods, occupational health, medical pluralism, sexual reproductive health, disability, etc.



# Field Engagements



## Semester I

### Skills for public health practice - Working with Communities

(Field visit once every week)

This is aimed at developing an experiential understanding of the ground reality of public health and health care concerns in the community.



## Inter-semester I, Semesters 1 and 2:

### Primary health care interventions

(Field visit once every week)

This 4-week immersion enables students to understand the relevance of primary health care interventions by social sector organisations for strengthening primary health care.



## Semester 4: Internship

### Field Project

Students will do a 16-week concurrent internship at a field organisation and complete an independent field project at the same location.



## Semester 2

### Skills for public health practice - Health systems and programmes

(Field visit once every week)

The key objective is to help students learn to describe and document how the various health programmes and policies are implemented in the lived context of varied communities.



## Inter-semester II, Semesters 2 and 3:

### Communication for public health action

(Field visit once every week)

This skills-oriented, 3-week course will equip students with a basic set of competencies required for communication at the level of community, social action, and advocacy for public health action.





## Faculty

Our faculty members have diverse backgrounds and expertise in academia and public health practice in domains such as epidemiology, public health programmes, health communication, medical sociology, environmental health, public health law, health systems and policy, among others.

## Eligibility

Candidates with a Bachelor's or higher degree in any discipline with at least two years of work experience (employment or long-period full-time internships) in the social sector are eligible to apply for the programme. The work experience could be in health domains (clinical, paramedical or health care in physical or mental health) or in the social sector (government organisations, NGOs, policy, advocacy groups and others).

## Financial Aid

Full or partial scholarships are available for students with an annual family income of less than ₹7 lakhs, covering tuition and accommodation. Candidates joining us with three years of work experience after graduation are eligible for a 50% waiver on tuition fees.

## Career Opportunities

Azim Premji University's MPH programme is designed to prepare students to work with various government as well as non-governmental organisations in the field of public health and related sectors.





Since its establishment in 2010, Azim Premji University has focused on the highest quality of education, driven by excellence. Committed to contributing to a just, equitable, humane and sustainable society, Azim Premji University is a vibrant and inclusive space for every student.

The University offers postgraduate degrees in Education, Development, Economics and Public Health. It also offers undergraduate degrees in Social Science (Economics, Social Science), Science (Biology, Chemistry, Environmental Science & Sustainability, Physics and Mathematics) and Humanities (English, History and Philosophy); and a dual degree in Science and Teacher Education.

Azim Premji University Bhopal is now operational, from the academic year 2023-24.

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