

UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH
SCHOOL OF
Social Work

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Grow Communities



**A TOP 10
GRADUATE
SCHOOL**
-U.S. NEWS &
WORLD REPORT

AT A GLANCE

The University of Pittsburgh School of Social Work is ranked #10 in the country by *U.S. News and World Report*. Founded in 1918, it was the first schools in the country to offer a program in community organization and one of the first to offer a specialization in child welfare.

The school's three degree programs—Bachelor of Arts in Social Work, Master of Social Work, and Doctor of Philosophy—are taught by one of the most diverse faculties at the University and instill in students a commitment to social and economic justice.

The School of Social Work has a threefold mission of education, research, and service that matches a long tradition of excellence upheld by the University.

Standard of Excellence

- ◇ Nationally, the School is ranked **10th** among 233 accredited graduate schools of social work (*U.S. News and World Report*, 2016).
- ◇ The School of Social Work, founded in 1918, has over 11,300 alumni; the school graduated 287 students this past year.
- ◇ Offers BASW, MSW and PhD degrees.
- ◇ Center on Race and Social Problems.
- ◇ Two MSW Concentrations: Direct Practice with Individuals, Families, and Small Groups (Direct Practice) and Community, Organization, and Social Action (COSA).
- ◇ First program of Community Organization in the country.
- ◇ Second largest Child Welfare training program in the country.
- ◇ Several joint Masters degrees and programs with other University programs, including the School of Public Health, School of Education, School of Public and International Affairs and others, as well as a MSW/ JD with the Law School.
- ◇ Direct Practice Certificate programs: Gerontology, Home and School Visitor/School Social Worker, Children, Youth and Families, Integrated Healthcare, Mental Health, and Human Services Management Certificate (also available to COSA students).



Demographics

TOTAL STUDENTS: 672

- ◇ 82% female, 16% male
- ◇ Students of color make up 30% of the student body.
- ◇ SSW students are international, representing the countries of: China, South Korea, Peru, Japan, Nigeria, India, and Viet Nam and more.
- ◇ Over 33% of full-time faculty members are faculty of color.

Financial Assistance

- ◇ More than 75% of full time graduate students receive financial assistance through the School.
- ◇ Full tuition remission and stipends for living expenses are available for PhD students.

Research and Publications

- ◇ The SSW journal publication rate is 1st among the top 10-benchmark schools.
- ◇ The SSW has externally funded projects totaling approximately \$38.5 million dollars.
- ◇ Faculty with a wide range of expertise in many topics including: mental illness, substance abuse, health behavior interventions, domestic violence, HIV/AIDS, child welfare, aging, grief and loss, community practice, race and gender issues, and juvenile justice.

Field Placements

- ◇ Choice of more than 500 field work opportunities.
- ◇ SSW students provide over 350,000 hours, collectively, of field placement hours to service agencies and organizations— worth over \$7.6 million annually.

Center on Race and Social Problems:

- ◇ The Center hosts the **Race Research Online Directory** that includes 10 years' worth of videos, publications, and other center information helpful for research, grant preparation, and teaching on the center's website www.crsp.pitt.edu.
- ◇ Areas of focus include: Education; Economics; Criminal Justice; Race Relations; Health; Mental Health; and Families, Youth, and the Elderly
- ◇ Offers Lecture Series, Summer Institutes, the journal *Race and Social Problems*, CRSP Fellowship Program, and pilot study funding.

Transforming Careers

- ◇ Students have won many prestigious national and international scholarships, including Fulbright Scholarships, Albert Schweitzer Fellowships, a Boren Fellowship, and a Doris Duke Fellowship.
- ◇ Doctoral graduates go on to become deans, tenured faculty, and some of the country's leading researchers.
- ◇ Comprehensive professional development and continuing education program.
- ◇ The Vankirk Career Center has face-to-face contact with 100% of students in their first year.
- ◇ Ongoing workshops and one-on-one career development meetings that are available to both students and alumni at no cost.
- ◇ 86% of graduates secure social work employment within six months of graduation; nearly 100% within a year.



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