

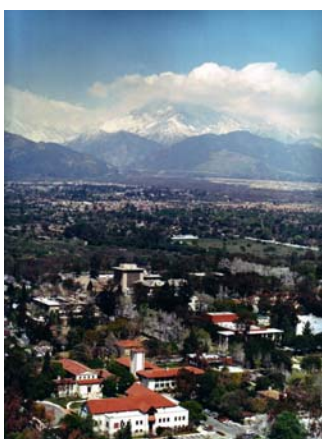


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The Next Venture of the Claremont Colleges



CLAREMONT, CA—The Overseers of the Claremont University Consortium yesterday designated a new School of Community and Global Health as the consortium’s next “new venture.”

“Every couple of decades, the Claremont University Consortium creates a brand new institution,” notes Robert Klitgaard, chair of the Presidents’ Council of the Claremont Colleges. “After a three-year process, the decision has been made—a graduate school that focuses on the next generation of public health challenges, namely those resulting from behavior and lifestyle choices.”

The new School has already raised \$9.9 million in research grants covering the world-wide obesity epidemic; neurocognitive mechanisms underlying addiction; and how research results in prevention can be translated into better policies and practices. Led by Dean C. Anderson Johnson and spearheaded by a founding team of seven professors, the new school plans over the next three years to grow to 25 professors and a 250 graduate students. Its first classes began last month.

The focus of the new school is unique in the United States.

“Many of today’s and tomorrow’s health challenges stem from behavior and lifestyle, including obesity, diabetes, and diseases related to tobacco, alcohol, and drug abuse,” Johnson notes. “Our vision is to help people and communities care for their health and wellbeing in the same way we are coming to care for our environment—something we protect and enhance through individual commitment, community action, and public policy.”

Dr. Robert Tranquada, former dean of USC’s Keck School of Medicine, is the chair of the SCGH advisory board. “The new School of Community and Global Health is positioned to become a world leader in providing the academic and research programs to respond to the dramatic shift in the role of community and global health.”

The new School becomes the ninth graduate school at Claremont Graduate University. CGU is one of the seven Claremont Colleges, a unique consortium of top-ranked educational institutions that has been called “Oxford in the orange groves.” The

Fiske Guide has called the Claremont Colleges “a collection of intellectual resources unmatched in America.”

The School of Community and Global Health draws on CGU’s other eight graduate schools (including the Drucker School of Management, recently rated among the top ten in faculty and in the classroom experience by *The Princeton Review*). The school will also work with the Keck Graduate Institute of Applied Life Sciences and the five undergraduate colleges (Claremont McKenna, Harvey Mudd, Pitzer, Pomona, and Scripps).

Students from all the Claremont Colleges will have opportunities to take courses, do research, and have internships. A new 4+1 degree program gives undergraduates the chance to earn both a bachelor’s and a master’s degree in five years instead of the usual six.

“An increasing number of Pomona College students are interested in the fields of community and global health,” says President David Oxtoby. “The new School at CGU will enable them to explore this important area through coursework as well as research and internship collaborations. I am very excited about the new opportunities that this will bring to all of us in Claremont.”

“We are committed to educating undergraduates for global leadership and citizenship, which demands that they develop cross-cultural skills and awareness as well as multidisciplinary approaches to solving complex global problems,” says Pamela Gann, the president of Claremont McKenna College. “This new School will provide exceptional opportunities for undergraduate students to receive this type of education through the subject of global health, one of the most significant problems in their lifetime. Determining effective solutions to global health challenges is an urgent and noble task for this generation of new college graduates, for it is one of the most important ways in which to improve the quality of life of millions of humans around the world.”

The last “new venture” of the consortium was the Keck Graduate Institute, founded in 1997. KGI president Sheldon Schuster welcomed the School of Community and Global Health, pointing to the areas of potential collaboration in teaching and research.

“All of us at KGI are thrilled to welcome the new CGU School of Community and Global Health to our consortium,” Schuster said. “We look forward to building both academic and research partnerships that will advance the capacity of the biosciences to provide benefits to all of society. This is a unique opportunity to build a bridge between two programs and academic disciplines in a novel manner that can profoundly affect the future.”

About Claremont Graduate University

Founded in 1925, Claremont Graduate University is an independent institution devoted entirely to graduate research and study. On our 19-acre campus in Claremont, California, our nine academic schools conduct leading-edge research and award masters and doctoral degrees in 22 disciplines. Because the world’s problems are not simple nor easily defined, diverse faculty and students research and study across the traditional discipline boundaries to create new and practical solutions for the major problems plaguing our world.