DEPARTMENT OF

EPIDEMIOLOGY

Department Accomplishments

- Graduated 7 PhD, 13 MSE and 20 MPH students.
- Successfully recruited 7 PhD, 4 MSE, and 27 MPH students
- Officially launched digital epidemiology program, including holding inaugural symposium

144

Journal articles

$15M

in research expenditures

$18M

in extramural research funding

73

Presentations at state, national and international conferences

Initiatives

LAUNCHED

Purpose – New student recruitment sessions – both in person and online. Reach out to current master's students.
Examples – Successfully recruited 4 students from our master's program.

UPCOMING

- Purpose – Recruit epidemiologist doing neurosciences together with recruitment in biostats as well using Provost grant awarded to PHHP.
- Examples - Working on offer for top candidate now.

FACULTY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

LINDA COTTLER

Refunded for 5 more years as NIDA's only National Drug Early Warning System. This comprises monitoring fatal and non-fatal overdoses, 911 dispatches, Reddit content, wastewater, and surveying people around the country on weekends. NDEWS is advised by a large network of scientists, people with lived experience, federal partners and Sentinel Site Directors. We disseminate our findings weekly through our free Briefing (ndews.org).

MATTIA PROSPERI

Inducted Fellow of the American College of Medical Informatics (FACMI) last November. It is a prestigious award given to only ~20 people per year and--so far--I am the only FACMI at UF.

ASHLEY MALIN

National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS) 2024 Paper of the Year (announced January 2025) and One of 30 papers selected by NIEHS among approximately 3,200 papers published in 2024.
Malin AJ, Eckel SP, Hu H, Martinez-Mier EA, Hernandez-Castro I, Yang T, Farzan SF, et al. 2024. Maternal urinary fluoride and child neurobehavior at age 36 months. JAMA Netw Open 7(5):e2411987.

JERNE SHAPIRO

Master of Public Health Exemplary Faculty Award for 2025.

ROBERT COOK

Lead a statewide conference on HIV called the Community Providers and Researchers Conference which was attended by over 150 people. Resubmitted for D-CFAR award.

YAN WANG

Hosted the Digital Epidemiology Symposium - which featured the Keynote speaker Dr. Passman from Northwestern, 7 faculty and 4 graduate student presentations, and attended by about 50 attendees representing 16 UF departments/centers across several colleges.

KRISHNA VADDIPARTI

PhD admissions received over 75 applications for PhD in Epidemiology for Fall 2025, of which we made offer to 7 applicants, and all (100%) accepted the offer and started in Fall 2025.

TAKIS BENOS

Received a new R01 that will allow us to study the effect of epigenetic variants in the progression of COPD: https://reporter.nih.gov/search/wYuyAw97b0qcsnps3fv4mg/project-details/11072382 accepted the offer and started in Fall 2025.