



# Katelyn Flaherty

PHD IN ONE HEALTH

## Why did you choose the University of Florida?

While most MD-PhD Training Programs discourage applicants and students from pursuing degrees in the social sciences, UF was excited to accept me as their first MD PhD Scholar in Public Health.

## What philosophy guides you in your education?

I feel that it is a true privilege to spend my days learning. When anyone questions my decision to pursue an 8-year graduate degree, I say, "There is nothing better than a career of full-time learning".

## What is your research experience?

Research fellow for Centers for Disease Control, Research Staff in the Behavioral Immunology Program at Emory, Graduate Research Assistant for both Global Emergency Medicine and Infectious Disease.

## What are your career goals?

I hope to someday participate in the CDC Epidemic Intelligence Service and/or Doctors Without Borders. Long term, I aspire to be a physician, public health researcher, and instructor/mentor at an academic institution. In each of these roles I plan to promote the continued importance of prehospital care, and, more generally, sustainable global health outreach for the betterment of universal health.

## Educational Background

### Bachelors

Bachelor of Science  
Biology and Mathematics  
Emory University

### Medical School

MD Ph.D. Scholar  
College of Medicine  
University of Florida

## Research Interests:

I study prehospital care in low-and-middle-income counties. I possess a specific interest in emergency medical services and emergency medical technician education in Ghana.

## If you could solve one environmental and/or global health problem, what would it be?

Education! I believe that improved education and greater understanding has the potential to fix many of the world's greatest problems.