

Highlights to Date

The Healthy Populations Institute (HPI) is a multi-faculty research institute at Dalhousie University, Halifax, Nova Scotia that is jointly funded by the Faculties of Health, Medicine, and Dentistry. HPI has evolved from earlier days when it was known as the Atlantic Health Promotion Research Centre (AHPRC). Through excellence in research, capacity building, and knowledge translation, HPI has been a leader in population health research in Atlantic Canada and beyond for over 25 years.

Some of our highlights to date include:

- **Creating new opportunities for transdisciplinary population health research:**
 - Membership in HPI grew from 15 to 44 research scholars across Dalhousie's faculties, primarily Health, Dentistry and Medicine
 - As a multi-faculty research institute (Health, Dentistry and Medicine), HPI creates opportunities to break down silos through integrating different methodological approaches and schools of thought; a neutral space where horizontal collaborations across and within these faculties can be explored
- **Building capacity for future population health research and innovation:**
 - HPI supports numerous early career investigators (who are either recent PhD graduates or newly hired faculty) to launch their careers through mentorship, identifying grant opportunities and providing support for grant capture
 - A student research scholar membership category, with a current membership of 26 student scholars, builds capacity for the next generation of health researchers
- **Developing knowledge and mobilizing evidence to aid in the identification, initiation, and evaluation of impactful population health interventions:**
 - HPI research scholars bring a range of disciplinary backgrounds and methodologies to addressing priority populations and issues. In the absence of a school/faculty of public health at Dalhousie, HPI addresses a critical gap
 - HPI research scholars continue to receive praise for research excellence in addressing key areas including Starting Healthy, Staying Healthy, Health of Marginalized Populations, Indigenous Health and Wellbeing, Health of People of African Descent, Healthy Cities, Healthy Communities, and Implementation Science

- **Empowering and supporting partners engaged in population health initiatives in their own health and social care settings:**
 - [The Uplift Partnership](#) is a flagship initiative of HPI, supported by an Advisory Committee of key stakeholders, currently co-chaired by representatives from the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development and the Nova Scotia Health Authority. Uplift empowers children and youth to take the lead in creating school communities that are health, vibrant, caring, and connected