

Mitra selected as Public Health Department Chair for TTUHSC SPPH



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The Julia Jones Matthews School of Population and Public Health at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center (TTUHSC) is pleased to announce the appointment of Amal Mitra, MBBS, DIH, MPH, DrPH as the new Chair, Department of Public Health, effective June 1, 2024. Dr. Mitra brings an extensive background in public health education and research, marking a significant step forward for the department and school.

Dr. Mitra joins TTUHSC with a distinguished career spanning over 27 years of teaching and more than four decades of research experience



Before transitioning to academia, Dr. Mitra worked as a physician in a major tertiary care hospital in Bangladesh. His academic tenure includes significant contributions at the University of Southern Mississippi, where he established a concentration in Epidemiology & Biostatistics for the MPH program, and at Jackson State University, where he directed Global Health Initiatives. His global impact is further evidenced by his efforts in developing public health programs across several countries, including Bangladesh, Hong Kong, India, Malaysia, Nepal, and Kuwait.

Dr. Mitra's scholarly achievements are complemented by his numerous accolades, including the prestigious Fulbright-Nehru Academic and Professional Excellence Award (2022-2023), the Fulbright U.S. Scholar Award (2007-2008), and the Lifetime Achievement Award (2013). He has authored influential books such as “Statistical Approaches for Epidemiology: From Concept to Application” (2024) and “Epidemiology for Dummies” (2023) and. With ongoing external funding from leading organizations like the NIH, CDC, and WHO, Dr. Mitra's leadership is expected to drive the MPH program at TTUHSC to new heights, fostering innovative research and comprehensive public health education.

“Dr. Amal Mitra brings a wealth of public health research, teaching, and practice experience to the Department of Public Health,” said Dean Gerard E. Carrino, PhD, MPH. “His leadership will ensure that the Julia Jones Matthews School of Population and Public Health remains at the forefront of public health in West Texas.”